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TIGER SEEN BY THREE SOLDIERS NEAR KOWLOON RESERVOIR



Cecelia Parker, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer featured actress, counts the days before Christmas and starts preparing delicacies for the holiday feast.

MORE CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS

FRANCE DISSATISFIED WITH ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Paris, Yesterday. The Italian Ambassador, Signor Cerruti, had another long conversation with M. Laval yesterday afternoon. He informed the Premier during the conference that the Italian Government still regards the Paris peace proposals as valid, asserts the *Matin*, which adds that the Italian envoy pointed out to the French Premier that the plan had been submitted to Italy after having been elaborated on two occasions by the delegates of the League of Nations, and Italy therefore, the Ambassador declared, was entitled to demand that the plan be considered as a basis for negotiations, if peace negotiations should begin.

LONDON PARLEY ADJOURNED

SOME PROGRESS MADE

"TIMES" REVIEWS THE POSITION

London, To-day.

The Naval Conference has adjourned over Christmas till January 6, and the newspapers comment on the progress so far made in the discussions, the complexity and difficulty of which is universally recognised.

The *Times* thinks that the progress has not been unsatisfactory. "The discussions have cleared up the meaning of the Japanese scheme, which at first appeared very uncertain, even in the minds of the Japanese themselves."

The Conference then went on to examine the British proposals, and when it reassembles will hear the American proposals. These all relate to quantitative limitation and the *Times* agrees that it is right to take this aspect first, since it is the one likely to present the greatest difficulty and require the greatest effort of mutual understanding and conciliations. The paper thinks that "quantitative agreement which was not also qualitative would be scarcely worth making. The converse is not necessarily true. There is a large body of opinion which holds that, if low enough, maximum limits could be fixed for individual battleships, cruisers and other types of vessels that would remove the most expensive and most irritating factor of naval competition."—British Wireless Service.

The Italian envoy, however, had not yet handed in the Italian Government's reply to the peace proposals to M. Laval yesterday, since these will not be prepared until after the night session of the Fascist Grand Council. According to *L'Ouvre* the French Premier informed the Italian Ambassador of the French dissatisfaction with the Italian attitude, which, the paper says, is regarded as incomprehensible in French quarters.

ITALIAN PEOPLE UNSHAKEN
Rome: The Fascist Grand Council met at 10 o'clock yesterday evening and adjourned after a three-hour session. According to the official announcement the Council "examined the political situation, such as presents itself" (Continued on Page 29)

MUTUAL AID IF ATTACKED

Special League Council Meeting Pending

Paris, Yesterday.

A special meeting of the League Council may be called in January to discuss practical methods for mutual assistance against an attack on a League member fulfilling its duties, according to French observers at Geneva.

The replies received by Britain from the Mediterranean Powers regarding the forces they are prepared to place at the League's disposal would be put on record, the observers add, at such a meeting of the Council with the object of affirming faith in the Covenant. The determination to support it with material forces would have a greater moral effect than further sanctions.—Reuter.

HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE IN EARLY MORNING HOURS

BEAST DISTINCTLY OUTLINED BY HEADLIGHTS OF CAR

CALF CARRIED OFF AND BUFFALO BADLY MAULED IN MUI SZE LAM VILLAGE

The tiger, which was recently reported to be terrorising the Ma On Shan district of the New Territories, has now invaded Kowloon itself. It was seen early yesterday morning near the Kowloon Reservoir, by three soldiers, Sergeant-Major W. Wilson, Sergeant B. Eldridge and Corporal G. Bostock, all of the East Lancashire Regiment.

According to the story told to a "Sunday Herald" representative yesterday by Corporal Bostock, he and his companions were returning from Kowloon at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, to the Military Camp at Fanling, when, on nearing the Kowloon Reservoir, the headlights of their motor-car revealed an animal moving stealthily by the roadside.

The animal took fright as they approached and dashed across the path of the oncoming vehicle, enabling the occupants to distinguish the markings on its body. It was a dark yellow colour, with black stripes, and measured about seven or eight feet from tip to tip. The beast attempted to clamber up the steep hillside, but could secure no foothold.

This caused the occupants of the car some concern, all three later admitting that they had never had such a scare in their lives. The driver, Sergeant Eldridge, quickly decided that discretion was, for them, the better part of valour, and pressed the accelerator to the floorboards, meaning to put as great a distance between the car and the now infuriated beast as possible.

CHINA'S AIR FORCES

Secret Agreement Denied

HONG KONG REPORT REFUTED

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The report of a secret agreement concluded between Nanking and Signor Mussolini, under which Italy was reported to have undertaken to reorganise the Chinese army, navy and air force by 1939, emanating from a source (not Reuter) in Hong

FURTHER CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS

Shanghai, Yesterday. — Some 4,000 students and factory workers, mostly women, paraded the Settlement to-day shouting anti-Japanese and anti-autonomy slogans and distributing pamphlets. The demonstrations were orderly. —Reuter.

Kong, is denied in semi-official circles, which surmise that the report arose from the negotiations interrupted by the Italo-Abyssinian war for the establishment of a military aircraft factory in China under Italian control.

The negotiations followed the arrival last year of an Italian air mission to train and equip the Chinese air force, of which most of the thirty members have returned to Italy in consequence of the war.—Reuter.

359 RUNS FOR 23 WICKETS

Rain-Affected Pitch Full Of Tricks

Wellington, yesterday.

Amazing cricket was witnessed on a rain-affected wicket to-day when the M.C.C. touring team sent their Wellington rivals in to bat. They dismissed the home side for 164 (Sims 8 for 63), but were in turn all out for 166, Blundell, the Cambridge University player, taking 3 for 29. Wellington then scored 29 for 3 before the close of play.—Reuter.

Simultaneously the tiger, finding that it could not scale the steep mountain side, twisted round and jumped back on to the road. It leapt in front of the moving car, which missed its hindquarters by a matter of inches.

This gave the occupants an even bigger fright, for they were well aware that if the car had hit it, the beast would probably have turned on them.



Considerable significance is attached to a call which Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, above, paid to Dr. H. H. Kung on Friday afternoon.

SILVER FOR AMERICA

Huge Shipment From Shanghai

SIR F. LEITH-ROSS VISITS DR. H. H. KUNG

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The s.s. President Lincoln sailed for America this morning carrying one of the biggest silver shipments which have ever left Shanghai. Although secrecy prevails, the amount is estimated at between 10 and 16 million dollars. The shipment is characterised as an "experimental cargo."

Meanwhile, although the ostensible purpose was a tea-party, considerable significance is attached to a call which Sir Frederick Leith-Ross and Mr. T. V. Soong paid to Dr. H. H. Kung yesterday afternoon. The *China Press* understands that Sir Frederick summed up his impression of China from the economic and monetary viewpoints.

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Much to their discomfort they discovered on looking round, that the tiger was loping along behind them, being easily distinguishable, as that particular stretch of road is well illuminated. They commenced shouting and blowing the horn as much as the battery permitted. Further along the road they met some Indian policemen, and noted, with gratification, the bulging holsters they wore strapped around their waists. In a few short sentences they told the policemen

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The "Sunday Herald" takes this opportunity of wishing its readers the compliments of the season.

what had occurred. A call was put through to the nearest police station and a patrol, armed with Thomson guns, scoured the district for some trace of the tiger. Their efforts, however, were in vain. Meanwhile the three soldiers had returned to camp, where they related the experience to a pyjama-clad audience.

VILLAGERS ALARMED

Although little has been heard of the tiger, or tigers, as the case may be, during the past week, it does not follow that it (or they) has been inactive. On the contrary an official at the Mui Sze Lam village, which is about three miles from Ma On Shan, where the tiger was first seen, stated that the beast had an energetic evening last Wednesday.

On that evening a young boy from the village took a buffalo and a young calf to feed on the hillside. They strayed away and the boy fell asleep. He was awakened by an uproar some distance away, and following the direction of the sounds came upon the buffalo moaning pitifully and rolling on the ground.

On examination he discovered that part of its leg had been torn away, while its forehead bore claw marks. The calf had disappeared entirely, and has not been seen since.



Juanita (Baby Jane) Quigley, a coming M.G.M. star, found that Santa Claus did not forget her early Christmas party.

FIERCE BATTLE WEST OF AKSUM

ABYSSINIANS CAPTURE TANKS AND MUNITIONS

Addis Ababa, Yesterday.

A fierce engagement is reported to have occurred 30 miles south-west of Aksum when the forces of Ras Saydu attacked the Italian outposts. Though the casualties are stated to be heavy on both sides, the Abyssinians claim that they captured a number of tanks.

Addis Ababa, later: It is officially claimed that the Abyssinians have captured the posts at Endasilasi and Degashal, west of Aksum, together with 10 tanks.—Reuter.

LAVAL MAY WIN THROUGH

Small Majority Possible Next Friday

DISSATISFACTION IN PARIS OVER ITALIAN ATTITUDE

Paris, To-day.

Several papers express the opinion that M. Laval can still win through with a small majority in the foreign affairs debate in the Chamber next Friday. The *Echo de Paris* says that, despite the reverse in foreign policy, the present Government will be difficult to replace.

The Socialist *Populaire* says that one of the two signatories of the Paris plan is dead, and M. Laval cannot escape like Mr. Baldwin. His responsibility is heavier than Sir Samuel Hoare's because he was the instigator of the real offer, an action which the conscience of the world has condemned.

L'Ouvre declares that French official circles are extremely dissatisfied with Italy's attitude, which to them is incomprehensible.

SIR S. HOARE'S REST
London: Sir Samuel Hoare, though much better, has been ordered three months' rest by his doctors. He will return on Monday to Switzerland, where he will spend Christmas. He was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who saw Mr. Baldwin immediately after his arrival in London from Geneva last night, visited the Prime Minister again this morning.

ITALY TO GO AHEAD
Rome: "Now that Mr. Baldwin has stated that the peace proposals are dead, there is no point in our replying to them," declared an official spokesman to-day, adding: "We will now go right ahead with our programme."

BOMB OUTRAGE IN GENEVA

WAR MONUMENT DAMAGED

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL Geneva, Yesterday.

The monument erected to the memory of the Swiss Frontier Guards who served during the world war, and which is located near the League of Nations Palace, was badly damaged by a bomb explosion yesterday.

A note found near the scene of the outrage states that the bombing attempt was meant as a protest against the sentence of one year's imprisonment recently imposed by a Geneva Court on a "conscientious objector" to compulsory military service.

The perpetrator of the outrage is believed to be a young monarchist who is known as one of the most active members of the local group of anarchists.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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DESTROYER RAMS WHALE

Curious Accident In
Mediterranean
BOW PLATES DAMAGED

Bombay.
The destroyer Comet is in Bombay drydock following a collision in the Mediterranean with a large whale.
The ship was steaming at 25 knots off Alexandria when a thud was felt from stem to stern just after the look-out had seen a whale diving. Pieces of the whale floated to the surface astern.
The ship was stopped and examined below, but found to be sound enough to proceed. Later she was sent to Bombay because the bow-plates were leaking owing to slight straining and bending, which is now being rectified.

BOY HANGED WITH DOG-LEAD

Probably "Imitated
Puppy"

London.
John David Stevens, 12, of Dagenham, Essex, was found by his father hanging by a dog lead from a wardrobe. The verdict at the inquest at Barking later was accidental death.
The coroner (Dr. P. B. Skeels) said the boy might have put the lead round his neck in imitation of his puppy. It was stated that John was subject to epileptic fits.

"BALLET VALSE" AT KING'S THEATRE

By Pupils Of Miss
O'Keefe

The pupils of Miss Daisy O'Keefe will present a "Ballet Valse" at a special performance of "Metropolitan" at 11.30 a.m. on Christmas Day at the King's Theatre. This prologue before the screening is quite a novelty to Hong Kong and should be appreciated by local cinema-goers.



L. C. Lindsay

Thomas E. Dewey

Wayne Merrick

With the election over, Thomas E. Dewey, special prosecutor, is pressing New York's sensational enquiry into rackets and vice, in which national ramifications have been barred. Evidence accumulated by Wayne Merrick, former G-man and chief investigator, is being presented to the grand jury, of which L. C. Lindsay, vice-president of one of the largest life insurance companies, is the foreman. More than 100 thriving rackets involving an annual toll of millions have been exposed.

South Africa's City Of Gold

JOHANNESBURG has become the City of the Optimists. Since that happy hour in the closing days of 1932, when by a stroke of a Government pen the value of gold was raised by 65 per cent, it has rebuilt itself. Johannesburg has always had a good conceit of itself.

In the days of its youth a public man declared that it had more brains to the square mile than any other place in the world. The pleasant tribute has never been forgotten.

Johannesburg has ever since thanked Heaven that it is not as other cities. Yet there were moments when even its supermind was assailed by doubt. The gold deposit upon which it lives was being worked out, and upon its then value the range of possibly payable new mines was distressingly restricted.

There were disconcerting official estimates showing that unless a miracle happened the output of the mines would soon begin to fall alarmingly. Envious urban rivals made coarse allusions to holes in the ground and grass in the streets.

But then the Government went off the gold standard. A new and greater Johannesburg shot skyward as fast as an overworked building industry could construct it.

In the new golden fairyland the precious metal was produced at the rate of more than \$6,000,000 a month or \$8,000 an hour day and night. Johannesburg displayed the mood of a man who won a sweepstake. It launched out.

There are more fur coats per hundred adult females in the City of the Optimists than in any other town in the world. There are more cocktail parties per night than in all the rest of South Africa put together — and with a large circle of friends one can easily spend \$200 on a cocktail par on the Rand.

FOSSILISED TORTOISES

Two fossilised tortoises, believed to be 1,000 years old, found on Bridlington beach, have been placed in the harbour museum.

Builders and carpenters, with the stains of their toll still upon them, drive home from work in saloon cars. Tramway-car conductors roll up to the sheds in sports models. There is hardly a mine-worker on the Reef who does not take his family for week-end picnics in his own motor-car.

The older cities are content to alter here and to add there. The City of the Optimists tears down buildings that were large and modern a decade ago and erects others three times their size. Its gestures are lordly. The one-story shacks that the pioneers knew 40 years ago have given place to ten and twelve-storey skyscrapers, and one of seventeen has been begun.

Everywhere new colleges, schools, and public buildings. Everywhere mammoth blocks of flats, new hotels, new theatres. Everywhere more magnificent shops, new factories, new industries. Everywhere new mines; and the promise of still other mines as the

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EXPERIMENT ON DOGS

New York.

A glorious vision of human beings as busy as ants yet feeling no fatigue from their labours is seen by two Virginian scientists who have developed a new serum.

The Rockefeller Foundation granted them \$3,000 to continue their experiments.

Already the serum has been injected into dogs, who have been able to work on a treadmill for 16 hours without undue weariness. The serum caused rats to reach maturity in a quarter of the natural time.

Dr. S. W. Britton, Professor of Physiology, said the serum was an extract of adrenal cortex composed of two hormones. One of these is necessary for life and the other for sex.

Scientists believe that the serum will add 10 years to the normal life of man.

LADY KYD'S \$5,000 GIFT

Lady Kyd has given \$5,000 to the Scottish Naval and Military Residences for Veterans as a memorial to her husband, the late Sir David Hope Kyd, of Pitcastle, Strathgairn, Perthshire.

LANDED 6 FT. SHARK

The Bridlington fishing boat Wayside Flower recently landed a bottle-nosed shark 6ft. long.

base metals come into the field of exploitation once held by gold and diamonds.

There is revealed a new desire for acknowledgment. The world must be impressed. Next year's jubilee commemorating Johannesburg's first charter, received from President Kruger in October 1886, is to be marked by an Empire Exhibition which will be the greatest Africa has ever seen.

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THE famous Paris dress-makers have been showing glamorous clothes that they are making for society women and visiting movie stars in the last few days; hundreds of dresses, coats and suits, many of them designed to please specific fancies of these capricious ladies, whose dress budgets run into five figures. One was struck by the wearability of most of the models that had been chosen.

They were selecting clothes to wear in their more-or-less private lives, and the vaporous, lacy nothings of the screen were noticeably absent.

Not one renaissance dress, coat, or suit went into the wardrobes of the celebrities. The extra-military was absent, and no brass buttons or heavy braided frogs were bought. In short, the spot styles that are likely to come to a sudden end are left out. These too-popular modes that are so dangerous in a limited wardrobe are shunned by the woman of fashion and the Hollywood star also.

Suits were included in the selections made by every single woman of society or screen. Simple suits that are to be worn with satin or velvet or silk blouses, a tailored hat, and maybe a fur around the neck. One town coat, usually tailored also, and usually made of broadcloth or other flat, dry wool, and trimmed with fur or designed to be worn with a separate fur piece, was bought by each and every one of these fashion leaders.

Several simple frocks were included, some made of wool and



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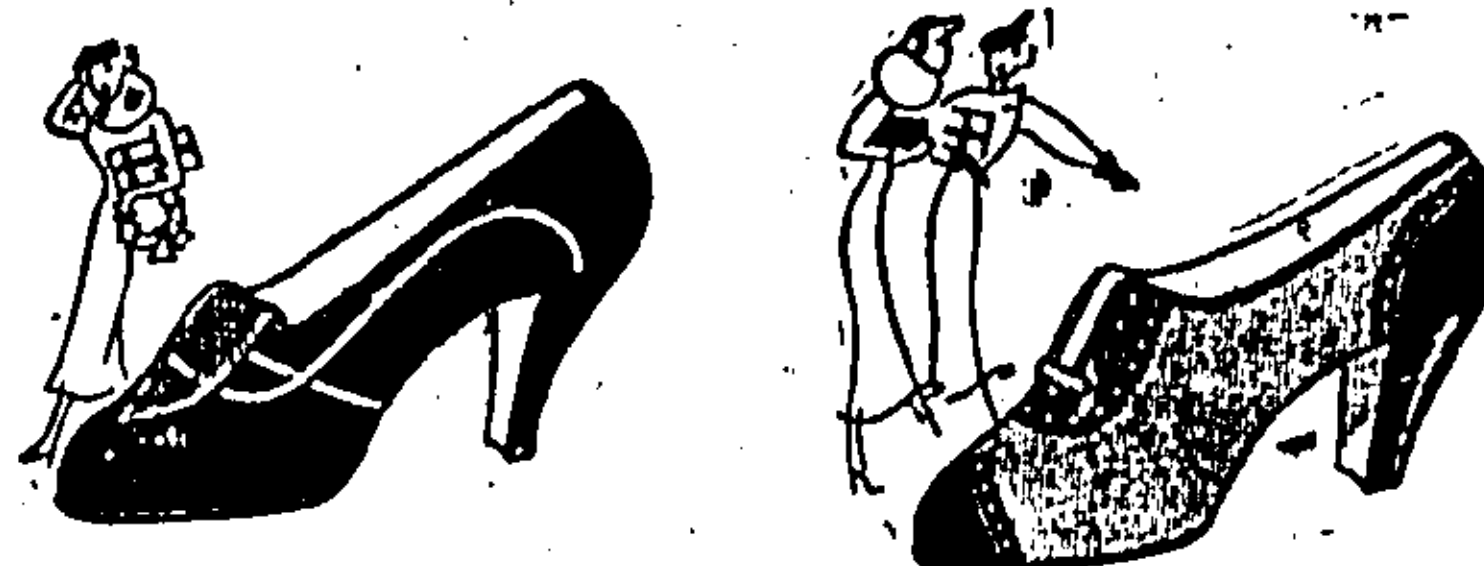
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some of silk crepe. Not one of these women chose a dressy afternoon frock. A simple frock with a fur or cloth cape was the choice of most. A rather dressy hat was included with this kind of ensemble. A cocktail, bridge, or informal evening dress or suit was a universal choice, both social lights and movie stars including this in their wardrobes. Some chose the new day-length suit, and others a long dress of velvet, satin, or metal cloth with a jacket or cape as a wrap.

Charming, long-skirted hostesses, sometimes several of them, were included in new wardrobes. Formal evening frocks, many of them out of place for the girl who goes perhaps to one or two real evening parties a year, make an important part of the wardrobe of the society woman and the movie star as well. The full-length cape of velvet was the evening wrap most frequently chosen to wear with formal frocks. Draped formal evening dresses were selected in preference to any other kind.



flavour. If you have a weak digestion, it is inadvisable to drink it, since it contains a high proportion of tannin. Darjeeling tea is one of the finest sorts and is highly esteemed by connoisseurs. An invariably popular tea is Ceylon; a tea of medium strength, it is delightfully mellow and has a nutty flavour. Travancore tea is thin and has a lemon flavour. The tannin content is small, and for this reason it is used in most brands of digestive tea. Teas well worth trying are Wynnand, Malayan, Sumatra, and African.

Beauty Diary By ESTHER

GREASY HAIR

If you want to cure this condition, there are three good intentions which should be firmly fixed in your mind. (1) to shampoo the hair with a curative shampoo and rinse. (2) to use a tonic at least every other day; and (3) to brush and brush and brush.

Start with a shampoo. Use one especially prepared for greasy hair, either a liquid or solid one, whichever you prefer, and divide it into two sections. Wash out the surface grease with the first, and use the second as a medium for massage. Push your fingers right through your hair till they rest firmly on the scalp and then move the scalp with the tips of the fingers. The fingers themselves remain perfectly still. After about ten minutes massage, when the whole head should have been covered, rinse off every particle of shampoo with warm water and finally as cold as you can bear it. Finish with a rinse made of the juice of a lemon in a quart of water, if you are a blonde, or a tablespoonful of vinegar if you are a brunette.

The ideal way to dry the hair is to rub it dry, but that's an impossibility in 1935. Dry it gradually, though, rubbing out the first wetness with a towel, and if it has to be dried by artificial heat, keep it as cool as you comfortably can. Very hot air played on to the head, although temporarily drying out water and oil from the hair, opens the pores of the scalp, which is just what shouldn't happen.

Next morning, waves or no waves, you must brush your hair, but the waves can remain unharmed by doing it this way. First brush with firm strokes from the

parting down to the end, then make another parting an inch lower down. Lift up the top layer and brush the new layer of hair that has just been exposed. Repeat this performance until every bit of hair has been brushed. Comb your waves down into place and they won't have suffered at all. Next day, massage a special brown lotion into the scalp; in the same way as the brushing, dividing the hair up with partings and treating each section separately. If you have time and energy, brush the hair after the massage. Use the slight dampness to press in waves and turn up curls.

Repeat the massage with lotion and brushing for ten days and then it is time for another shampoo. Half an hour before, or the night before if you can wash your hair in the morning, give the scalp a thorough massage with the special brown lotion. Shampoo it out in the same way as I described at the beginning of the treatment.

Keep up this cycle of events for three weeks, and then I can assure you the improvement will be marked. Pay attention to your diet, too, during this time, for greasy hair is often caused through acidity, and if you suspect this trouble, take a course of "Milk of Magnesia," or there is a herbal remedy, and some pills which I know to be good.

Be really faithful to the treatment, and don't listen to people who tell you that brushing makes oily hair worse. It doesn't. You may notice more oil on the hair, but that is only a temporary result—oil from the roots being shifted to the ends of the hair. It is permanent results we are working for. Don't hope for miracles overnight—they just don't happen these days.

Falling In And Out Of Love

FALLING in love has a technique all its very own. The great thing in the early stages is to be delightfully shy but never coy. Be soft, and sweet, too, but not quite spineless. Absurd quarrels are part of the joy of falling-in love—think of the lovely "make-ings-up," but do try not to say anything that rankles afterwards. You'll suffer for it in the long run if you do. Don't forget all your other male and female friends, and do make friends with his friends. Yes, even with that girl he used to go to concerts with! The technique of falling out of love is hard for a woman to learn. Quarrelling's no good. Recriminations won't re-light a dead fire.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

THE ancients thought that it was possible to read both the character and the fortune of everyone by an ingenious system of giving numerical values to each letter of their names. These name-fortunes are based on the old Pythagorean method of numbering the letters of the alphabet and also taking into account the astrological values assigned to them.

DIANA

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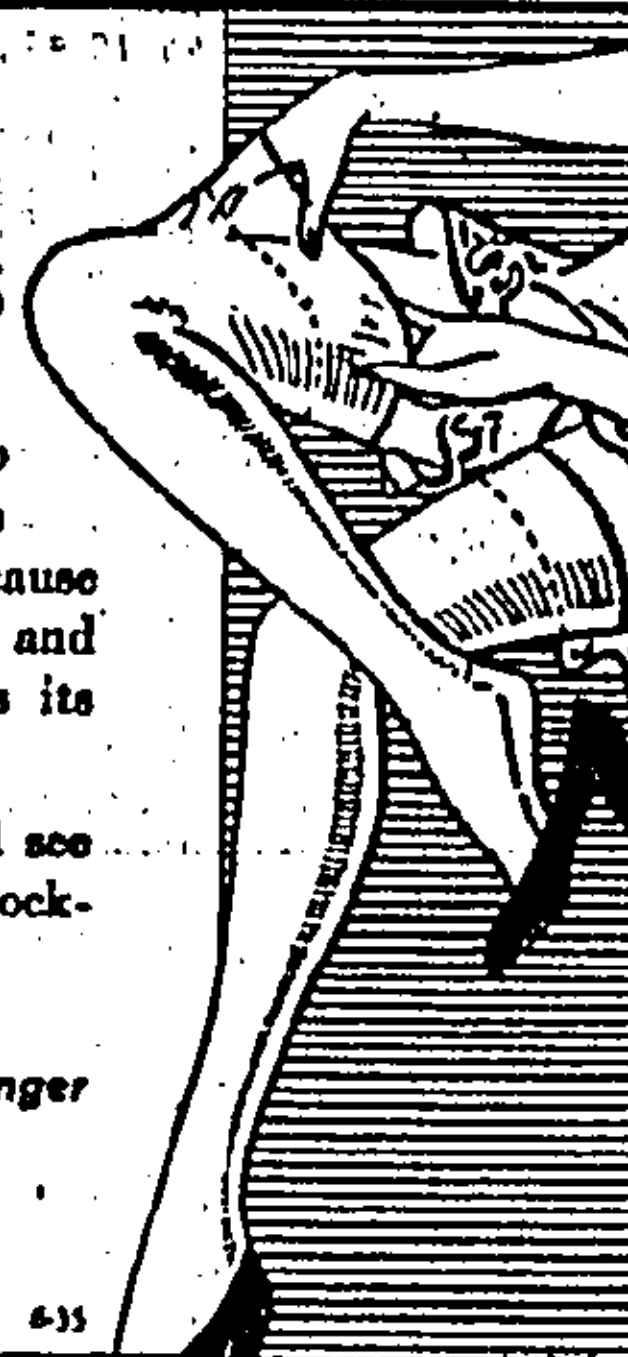
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SOUTH CHINA "B" ELIMINATE LINCOLNS FROM SENIOR SHIELD



Young Shui-yick, above, contributed in no small measure to South China "B's" Senior Shield soccer triumph over the Lincolns yesterday.

EAST LANCES. ROUTED BY CLUB

STRANGE AND BICKFORD IN GREAT FORM

SOLDIERS LEAD 2-0 EARLY IN ENCOUNTER

FAST and exciting football featured the Senior Shield soccer replay between the Club and the East Lances on the Club ground yesterday, when the Club registered a well-deserved win by 4 goals to 2.

Throughout the first half the play was very even, the soldiers' forward line being slightly superior in passing. In the second half, however, the Club were by far the more settled team, and thoroughly deserved their victory. Their left-wing, E. Strange and Bickford, were very much on form.

The soldiers were the first to attack and within five minutes Horner, the centre-forward, receiving from Sandford, headed into the corner of the net to open the scoring for the East Lances. Thereafter, throughout the first half the exchanges were very even, each side carrying out its fair share of attacking.

Horner, again given an opportunity by Sandford, cleverly side-stepped Rodger and placed the ball well into the net for the soldiers' second goal, and soon after Rodger stopped a grand shot from Sandford, punching almost on to the upright.

SAINTS ROBBED OF POINT IN LAST FEW MINUTES

Athletic Wake Up Just In Time

MAK SUI-HON IN GREAT FORM

Two goals scored in the last few minutes of the game won the match for the Chinese Athletic at Causeway Bay yesterday when they defeated St. Joseph's in their First Division soccer encounter by 3 goals to 1.

For a First Division match the game was very poor, both teams not being up to their usual standard of play, whilst the greasy condition of the pitch made matters worse. The Athletic, however, showed good form during the closing stages of the game and were well deserving of victory.

The outstanding player on the field was Mak Sui-hon, whose perfect clearances, with either foot, were the main features of the game.

The Souzas played well in the Saints' defence but Costa made several mistakes.

The Athletic opened the scoring after three minutes, Lee Hung-chin sending across a centre for Young Kam Po to net from close range.

Victor's Fine Goal

Just before half time a scramble in front of the Athletic goal saw Ward lob the ball to Victor, who, standing 35 to 40 yards out, netted with a beautiful ground shot.

After the interval the Athletic were definitely on top but were unable to score until five minutes from the end, when Lai Kwok-chiu received from a goalmouth scramble to catch Souza unaware.

The next moment Au Ping Ming received in front of goal; Souza dashed out of his charge, but Au passed across for Lee Hung-chin to score into an empty goal.

FUSILIERS BEAT ST. JOSEPH'S

Second Half Rally Saves Game

The Third Division soccer fixture between St. Joseph's and the Fusiliers at Happy Valley yesterday resulted in a win for the Fusiliers by 3 goals to 1.

Joanillo opened the scoring for St. Joseph's when he found the net from close range.

The Fusiliers, however, exerted greater pressure in the second period and goals were scored through Singleton, Tatler and Burton.

The Navy soon regained their two goal lead when Spencer scored just before the whistle. The Navy again dominated play during the second period and Spencer and Nicholson both scored.



The Basketball team of St. John's Hall, holders of the Hong Kong University Inter-Hotel Championship from 1932 to 1935, inclusive. (A. Fong).

KOWLOON UNLUCKY TO LOSE TO RECREIO GOAL IN LAST MINUTE

KOWLOON were unlucky to lose their premier league soccer match against the Recreio at home yesterday by the odd goal in five.

CLUB JUNIORS DEFEATED BY R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.

Stirling Does Well In Goal

DUFFIELD IN LIMELIGHT

A keenly contested and spirited game between the Club and combined R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C. in the Second Division of the soccer league on the Club ground yesterday resulted in a win for the soldiers by 3 goals to 2.

Throughout the soldiers were the better side, and had all opportunities been taken their score would have been increased considerably.

The Corps half-back line, Gosling, Worsfold and Jennings, played delightful football, combining excellent feeding with judicious defence.

Beasley, the soldiers' centre-forward, opened the scoring with a steady and well-placed shot from 15 yards. At this period Stirling, Sykes and Nicholls, the Club defenders, were being kept on the run, and the former must be commended for his able goalkeeping.

Duffield's Good Goal

Soon after Duffield, the soldiers' inside-left, taking the ball almost from the centre side-stepped the goalkeeper to secure a well-deserved goal.

Early in the second half Hims-worth, receiving the ball on the goal-line from Duncan, scored for the Club.

Vaughan, with a beautiful swing scored the Corps' third goal, and during a melee in front of the soldiers' goal Bell netted the final goal of the match.

TURNER SCORES TWO FOR LINCOLNS

Kowloon Juniors Well Beaten

The Lincolns beat Kowloon juniors yesterday in their Second Division soccer fixture at Kowloon by 4 goals to nil.

The Lincolns had most of the play, Turner and Stone each netting a goal before the interval.

Shortly after the resumption the Lincolns were awarded a penalty and English netted.

Some 10 minutes before the end the soldiers scored their fourth goal through Turner.

ATHLETIC AND FUSILIERS DRAW

The drawn Second Division soccer encounter between the Athletic and the Fusiliers at Caroline Hill yesterday produced a fast and exciting game, with the exchanges slightly in favour of the Athletic.

The Athletic's forward line was fast and combined well, with Lee Wah-tin an outstanding right-winger. Ching Moon-wing, on the left-wing, also found his best form, and sent over many well-placed centres that caused the Fusiliers' defence much anxiety.

In defence the Athletic were well served by Li Kwok-ki, a resourceful 'keeper', and two strong-kicking backs in Kwok Ping-chung and Lo Wat-man. Quick and hard tackling were features of a sound defensive policy, in which the halves took an equal share.

The Fusiliers were handicapped throughout the second half by the absence of Dennis, who retired with a knee injury. Cresty and Parry worked energetically and showed good ball control, whilst behind them, the halves, among whom McLaugh was outstanding at centre-half, provided the necessary support.

MATCH PRODUCES FOUR PENALTIES

RIDLEY LACKS SUPPORT AT FORWARD

THRILL-A-MINUTE FOOTBALL

THE replayed Senior Shield soccer tie between South China "B" and the Lincolns at Caroline Hill yesterday gave a moderate attendance 70 minutes of thrills and genuine Cup-tie football, the holders finally emerging victors by 5 goals to 3.

A feature of the game was the manner in which the goals were obtained, four of them being from penalties, three in favour of the Lincolns, and the first goal of the match being very luckily diverted into his own goal by Deeming, within the first five minutes of play.

Territorially the Lincolns again had by far the best of matters, and yet again it was their forwards who faltered. In approach work, always well supported by Deeming and his halves, they were overwhelmingly superior, but failed lamentably with their finishing touches, and Pau Ka-ping had a comparatively easy afternoon.

Ridley put in his usual amount of hard work, making openings, and distributing passes galore, but, with the exception of Malpas, little understanding or anticipation was shown by the other forwards. Higgins was too well covered by Lam Tak-po to render much assistance, and neither winger showed up to form.

The halves were seen to advantage in defence, and gave useful assistance also in attack, Deeming being particularly clever in the capable manner in which he looked after Ng Po-kui. The defence was not so steady as usual, mistakes being all too frequent by both backs, but Edmondson made full amends for any mistakes by the fearless tackling he indulged in, and the clever way in which he covered Thompson.

The team, as a whole, has lost much of its former 'sting' and effectiveness, and sadly lacks a goal-scoring forward.

Chinese Changes

South China "B" made two changes from last week's side, Ng Po-kui being preferred to Ho Ka-koung, whilst Yau Wah-hing came in at right-half.

With these changes, the side gave a much brighter display than last week, being quicker on the ball and showing more opportunism in front of goal.

Lee Shek-yau was the best forward they had, and his goal in the second half was a masterpiece. Both the inside men, Cheuk Shek-kam and Lai Shui-wing, proved fast and accurate in their passes, and, with Young Shui-yick on the right-wing, the complete line worked in harmony.

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GOOD SOCCER CARD FOR TO-DAY

League Champions Meet Leaders

LINCOLNS AND POLICE ALSO TO CLASH

South China "A" will be at full strength this afternoon for their First Division League encounter against the Royal Welch Fusiliers, the present League leaders, and a thrilling display is anticipated.

South China have made two changes from last week's line-up, both Lee Tin-sang and Chan Kwai-lung being reinstated at right-back and on the left-wing, respectively.

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Yesterday's Results At A Glance

SENIOR SHIELD—REPLAY	
S. CHINA "B"	LINCOLNS
4	3
FIRST DIVISION	
ST. JOSEPH'S	ATHLETIC
1	3
SECOND DIVISION	
KOWLOON	RECREIO
2	3
THIRD DIVISION	
NAVY	RADIO
5	1
FOURTH DIVISION	
KOWLOON	LINCOLNS
4	1
FIFTH DIVISION	
EASTERN	UNIVERSITY
2	1
SIXTH DIVISION	
ATHLETIC	FUSILIERS
1	3
SEVENTH DIVISION	
POLICE (E.)	AIR FORCE
1	2
EIGHTH DIVISION	
ST. JOSEPH'S	FUSILIERS
1	3
NINTH DIVISION	
LINCOLNS	RAILWAY
7	0

Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION	
	Goals
P W L D F A Pts	
Fusiliers	11 6 1 4 25 14 16
S. China "A"	7 0 0 31 6 13
Police	10 6 2 22 13 14
Lincolns	10 3 2 4 28 18 12
Recreio	11 4 3 4 20 16 12
Athletic	8 4 1 13 6 13
Club	5 5 1 23 20 11
S. China "B"	3 0 3 8 3 9
East Lances	9 4 4 14 19 9
St. Joseph's	12 4 7 12 22 36 9
Navy	7 4 3 0 21 18 8
Kowloon	11 2 8 18 30 6
R.A. (Seater)	11 1 9 10 42 3
R.A. (Lyemau)	10 9 1 18 40 1
Totals	134 54 52 26 280 280 134

SECOND DIVISION	
	Goals
P W L D F A Pts	
East Lances	10 8 0 2 35 9 18
Fusiliers	12 7 1 4 47 10 18
Lincolns	11 8 2 1 36 10 17
South China	10 7 2 1 32 16 17
Navy	8 6 1 1 37 15 15
R.A. O.C.	11 6 4 1 35 22 13
Engineers	10 5 3 2 23 17 12
R.A. S.C. & R.A.O.C.	11 4 4 3 19 22 11
Eastern	11 2 6 3 20 27 7
Recreio	9 3 6 0 19 32 6
Club	12 8 2 2 31 39 6
University	9 1 6 2 12 41 4
Radio	10 1 8 1 14 29 3
Kowloon	12 1 10 1 7 58 3
Totals	146 61 61 24 357 357 146

THIRD DIVISION	
	Goals
P W L D F A Pts	
Fusiliers	11 9 0 2 42 13 20
Chinese Police	10 8 1 1 25 12 17
Medicals	10 5 2 3 28 18 15
Lincolns	10 6 0 4 30 20 12
Air Force	11 5 4 2 31 21 12
East Lances	8 4 1 3 23 17 11
Liga Portuguesa	8 3 5 0 19 22 6
Engineers	9 2 5 2 14 18 6
European Police	10 3 7 0 18 29 6
St. Joseph's	10 2 7 1 19 30 5
Railway	11 0 11 0 4 53 0
Totals	108 47 47 14 253 253 108

RADIO TROUNCED BY NAVY

Three Goals For Spencer

The Navy proved easy winners at Causeway Bay yesterday when they easily accounted for the Radio in their Second Division soccer encounter by 5 goals to 1.

The game was very one-sided, and was remarkable for the number of corners taken. The Navy were in the Radio's goal-area for 95 per cent. of the game, and the score would have reached double figures had it not been for the excellent keeping of M. Souza who saved brilliantly—he conceded numerous corners—but no goals were scored from them. Souza was the only outstanding man on the field.

Could opened the scoring for the Navy soon after the commencement, and Spencer added a second after 15 minutes. Five minutes from the interval the Radio scored through Hamet, but it proved a mere flash in the pan, Spencer and Nicholson both scored.

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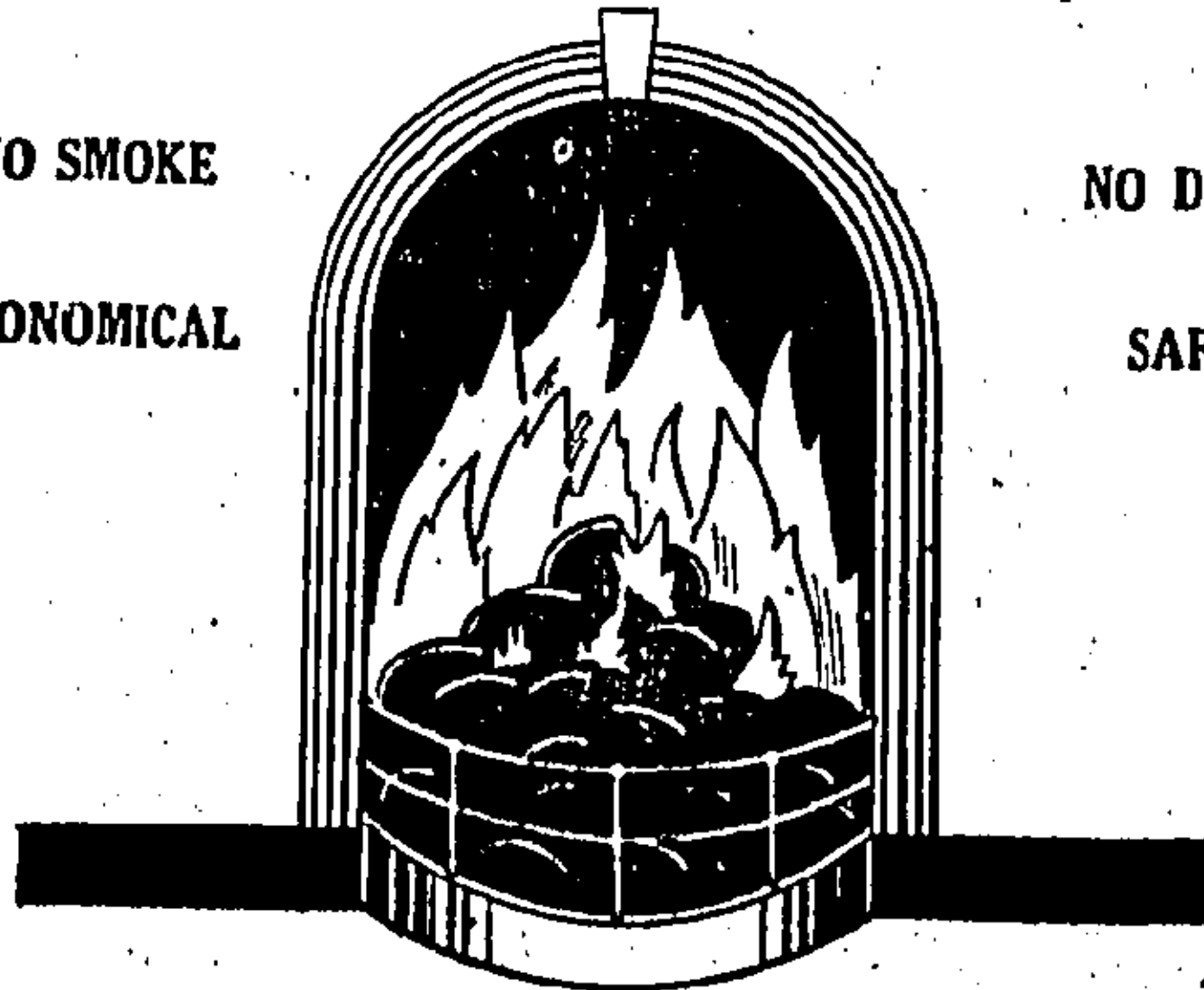
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LADIES TO HOLD 2ND INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL MANY NEWCOMERS ON VIEW

Mrs. White's First
Appearance

The second Ladies' Interport hockey trial will take place this morning on the Club ground at King's Park, weather permitting, when several new players will be viewed by the selectors.

Four full-backs will be tried out in the Colours' team, while Miss Jorge, of St. Andrew's, and Miss I. Woolley, of the C.B.A. Ladies, will exchange places at half-time.

Miss F. Wong, of St. Andrew's, and Miss O. Dalziel, of the "Y" Ladies, will both be given an opportunity on the right-wing for Colours, each playing a half, otherwise this forward combination remains the same.

Mrs. White's First Trial

This will be Mrs. White's first appearance in the trials as leader for Whites, and it will be interesting to see how she combines with her forwards in comparison to Miss Smith and her supporters.

The following are this morning's teams, the trial commencing at 10 a.m.:

Whites:—Mrs. Lunson (H.K.); Miss E. M. Gray (H.K.) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y"); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss E. M. Bryson (C.B.A.) and Mrs. Bell (H.K.); Miss W. Marsh (H.K.); Miss P. Gilling (St. Andrew's); Mrs. White (C.B.A.); Miss M. Smalley (H.K.) and Miss C. Botelho (Recreio).

Colours:—Miss J. Weller ("Y"); Miss C. Osmund (Recreio); Miss G. White (St. Andrew's) and Miss R. Stephenson (St. Andrew's); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss L. Jorge (St. Andrew's); Miss E. Thomson ("Y") and Miss C. Silva-Netto (Recreio); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss O. Dalziel ("Y"); Miss S. Dalziel ("Y"); Miss M. Smith (C.B.A.); Miss J. Adey ("Y") and Miss M. Westcott ("Y"). Miss C. Silva has also been asked to attend.

* will change over at half-time.

MAMAK TOURNEY MATCHES TO-DAY

Interesting Senior And
Junior Clashes

The Argonauts will meet the Royal Engineers in a senior division Mamak Hockey Tournament encounter at King's Park this morning at 11 a.m. when an interesting and fast game should be witnessed.

Two other games in the Junior Division are also scheduled for to-day. The Nomads, with a re-arranged team, will encounter the "B" team of the Royal Engineers, while the other game is between the Central British Association and the Departmentals on the former's ground at 10.50 a.m.

The following are selected teams:
Nomads:—C. Soares, E. Silva and F. Barros; A. Xavier, R. J. Reed and S. Souza; R. Silva, S. Reed, F. Reed, C. Barros and R. C. Reed.
Argonauts:—N. Faria; A. A. dos Remedios, E. Alves; E. Gosano, J. Goncalves, T. Alves; F. Nolasco, A. S. Xavier, A. M. Xavier, P. Xavier and A. Angelo.

ST. JOHN CUP

Daylight Eve Hot
Favourite

Heavy betting, mainly concentrated on Daylight Eve, Don and Tom Cobby, was witnessed at the final call-over at the local Victoria Club last night for the St. John's Cup at to-day's Fanling Race Meeting.

Daylight Eve, which was previously taken at 2 to 1, dropped to even money, which is now being offered. Don was offered and taken at 6 to 1, Nebular Star at 7 to 1, and Tom Cobby at 5 to 1. The remaining ponies were offered from 8 to 10 to 1.

According to the latest report last night, over 30,000 tickets have been sold in the St. John's Cup sweep.

OSMUND'S 225 BREAK

During practice on the Palace Hotel table on Monday last, A. J. Osmund, the holder of the local billiards championship, compiled a break of 225 and followed this on Thursday with another good break of 149.



Women's cycling is becoming the "rage" on the Continent. Here is seen a typical competitor.

ARMY v. NAVY TO-MORROW

Triangular Tourney
At H.K.C.C.

HOLLAND-MARTIN TURNING
OUT FOR SENIOR SERVICE.

The first of this year's Triangular Tournament cricket matches (which have long since become a feature of the Xmas and New Years holidays) will be the Army-Navy match on the H. K. C. C. ground to-morrow, commencing at 11 a.m. and which will be continued on Tuesday.

Both sides will be at full strength and, providing the weather improves, some very good cricket ought to be seen. The Army will be fielding the same side as that which was chosen to meet the K. C. C. yesterday.

After an absence of a few weeks, due to an injury sustained at Rugby football, Lt. Holland-Martin will again be seen behind the stumps for the Navy. He is an excellent wicket-keeper, being particularly good at stopping the loose ones outside the leg stump while as a bat he is the type that is not afraid to go for the bowling.

It is the bowling strength of the Navy, more than anything else, that gives cause for anxiety, and unless Tufnell and Hunting produce their best form it looks as though the Army will run up a big score.

(The teams for this game are as follows:—
Army:—Major V. J. Bonnavin, Capt. L. J. Watch (Capt.), Capt. D. W. Perse, Lt. J. R. Johnson, Lt. E. M. Dawson, Lt. J. P. Williams, Lt. C. C. Garthwaite, C. M. Elvin, Pte. Herbert, Bdm. King and Cpl. Ballard.
Navy:—Lt. Brawell, (Capt.), Lt. Bartley, Surg. Lt. Kirkwood, Surg. Lt. Davenport, Lt. Baker, Lt. Holland-Martin, Tel. Tufnell, Lt. Hunting, Lt. Miers, Lt. Wraith and A. B. Dale.

RECREIO CRICKET WIN

E. M. L. Soares In
Good Form

At King's Park yesterday the Recreio registered their first cricket win of the season when they beat the China Light and Power Recreation Club in a friendly match by 41 runs.

Recreio:—85 (E. M. L. Soares 19, J. Alves 17; M. R. Swain 4 for 20, R. A. J. Simpson 3 for 28).
China Light:—44 (H. F. Shields 11; E. M. L. Soares 3 for 18; A. F. Noronha 2 for 8).

COLONY MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Only one match in the Colony Open Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship was played during the past week, Capt. J. D. Milne and Miss M. Saville defeating Cpl. Pile and Mrs. Thorpe 5-4, 6-2. They will now meet M. K. Lo and Mrs. J. L. Litton in the Second Round.

POLICE BEAT "Y" IN SCRAPPY HOCKEY MATCH

Teja Singh Scores
Four Goals

A. B. HENRY PLAYS GOOD
GAME AT BACK

In a friendly hockey match on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday, the Police (Indians) beat the "Y" by 4 goals to 1. The game was very scrappy and uninteresting, only a few of the players giving a good account of themselves.

Teja Singh, playing at inside-left for the winners, scored all the four goals for his side, while S. A. Fowler netted the "Y's" only goal.

The game started with the Police attacking, and but for some good work by A. B. Henry, at right-back, they would have scored in the early stages. As it was they could do nothing till about half-way through the first half, when Teja Singh received the ball from his partner on the left-wing and sent in a hard drive to beat Anderson. This goal only served to inspire the "Y" players, for immediately afterwards they broke through for Fowler to equalise. Just before the interval, however, Teja Singh scored again to place the Police one up.

Teja Singh completed his "hat-trick" almost immediately after the interval when he beat Anderson after a fine solo run down the left wing. Though both sides had numerous chances no further scoring resulted until one minute from time, when Teja Singh netted his fourth goal.

"Y":—J. Anderson; A. B. Henry and H. Millington; K. Brock, J. Farmer and H. Smith; L. Macey, G. Warriner, S. A. Fowler, H. Lange and D. Nooy.

Police Indians:—Balwant Singh; Man Singh and Dya Singh; Mendi Khan, Rattan Singh and Karnail Singh; Paula Singh, Chanan Singh, Bata Singh, Teja Singh and Aniyat Shah.

SERVICES AND CIVILIANS MEET AT HOCKEY TO-DAY

TWO STRONG TEAMS
IN OPPOSITION

LT. LANE RETURNS TO
RIGHT-WING

The first Hong Kong Hockey Association representative match of the season will take place on the Royal Naval Recreation Club ground at King's Park this afternoon, where the Combined Services will be at home to the Civilians, and, in view of recent matches, a thrilling encounter, with the odds on the latter, is anticipated.

The strongest point in the Services' team is their brilliant defence, with Lt. Holland-Martin in the pivotal position and Lt. Williams and Alaf Din supporting him on the flanks.

The Navy's right-wing combination, comprising Lt. Lane, who is staging a comeback after an injury which has prevented him from playing for a fortnight, and Lt. Wraith, will be very dangerous; while Lt. Miers and Lal Singh and Taylor, the Army left-wing combination, complete a fast and dangerous line.

The Civilian Team

Due to the incessant drizzle throughout Friday morning and afternoon, the trial hockey game arranged for the 15 selected Civilians against the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club, was not played, and consequently the Civilian team will not be selected until just before to-day's encounter.

Combined Services:—Lt. Comdr. Garwood (Navy); Lieut. Rolster (Army) and Lt. Comdr. Broome (Navy); Lieut. Williams (Army); Lt. Holland-Martin (Navy) and L. Nallik Alaf Din (Army); Lt. Lane (Navy); Sub. Lt. Wraith (Navy); Lt. Miers (Navy); Pte. Taylor (Army) and L. Nallik Lal Singh (Army).

Civilians (from the following):—M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.), A. E. P. Guest (Radio), C. Sommer (Club), J. E. Potter (Club), A. S. Blair (St. Andrew's), W. A. Reed (Club), N. Beltrão (Recreio), A. Silva (Argonauts), G. E. R. Divett (Club), S. A. Fowler (Club), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), Pinto (K.I.T.C.), A. P. Souza (K. I. T. C.), Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.) and D. J. Nooy (Club).

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Impressed with the amazing quality of Martini's voice, Zenatello persuaded him to accept tutelage and within three years had prepared him for his opera debut.

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From his premier appearance as the Duke in "Rigoletto" Martini's career was sensational. Within a short time he was singing at the Scala Theatre in Milan, where Bellini's opera "I Puritani" was revived, because Martini was the only tenor in 50 years capable of singing the full range of the opera.

A series of concert recitals throughout Europe followed, Zenatello being his constant companion through all these adventures. Then Jesse L. Lasky discovered him in Paris and persuaded him to go with him to America for concerts and to make film "shorts."

From Stage To Films

In 1931 Martini secured an opportunity with the Philadelphia Opera Company and shortly afterwards began his sensational radio career with the Columbia Broadcasting Company. Within a year he had made his debut with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Now that Martini, after tasting virtually all the triumphs which are possible to an opera star in his field, has ventured into the new field of sound-pictures, Zenatello is still his constant companion. He is known as the star's "voice coach," but he is far more than that. Martini will rarely sing a note, in practice, on the sound stage or before the cameras, which does not pass the critical judgment of the older man.

SCENES FROM PICTURE

The pictures used in the advertisements on this page are scenes from the Twentieth Century Fox production, "Here's to Romance" which will be screened at the King's Theatre and Alhambra Theatre in January.

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So the King's Theatre management has decided on "Metropolitan" for Christmas week instead of "Here's to Romance" and having seen both pictures, I find myself hard put to it to say with which my personal preference lies. Both are truly magnificent productions, each displaying one of the most wonderful voices in the world to-day; but one is a tenor and the other a baritone, so what comparison can one make?

All that can be said, leaving aside the glorious singing of the two leading artists, is that the story of "Metropolitan" is a stronger one than that of "Here's to Romance" and gives us more comedy, in this case supplied chiefly by Alice Brady and Luis Alberni.

Darryl F. Zanuck, the producer, who seems incapable of giving us a poor picture, has scored once more in bringing back Lawrence Tibbett to the screen after an absence of four years. Lawrence Tibbett is that somewhat rare combination of singer and actor, a fine actor who can sing and the possessor of a glorious voice who can also act. Than in "Metropolitan" his magnificent baritone has never been heard to better advantage — its range and power are astounding, displayed to perfection in "De Glory Road," the Toreador's Song from "Carmen," "Figaro's Song" from "Figaro" and the Prologue from "I Pagliacci."

Virginia Bruce, the wealthy society girl who conceals her real name and makes good in opera on her own merits, sings charmingly and acts as an admirable foil to the star, and the supporting cast are all that can be wished; but George Marion Sr. must be singled out for his magnificent portrayal of an old Italian conductor who has fallen on evil days, but makes a come-back. On no account miss this splendid picture.

Listeners-in will have an opportunity of hearing excerpts from the star's repertoire to-morrow and on Tuesday, relayed (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)



Will H. Hays (left), czar of the movies, was among the 150 notables who gathered at the New York dinner of The Banquets, an organization of humorists, to pay tribute to George McManus on the silver jubilee of his comic strip, "Jiggs and Maggie." A \$1,000 contest among artists for the best caricature symbol of the tax-grabber was announced. "Jiggs and Maggie" appear daily in The China Mail.

Local Newsettes

The evening service at St. John's Cathedral to-day will be broadcast from ZBW.

To-morrow at 5.30 p.m. there will be a Christmas tableau shown at St. John's Cathedral.

At 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday (Christmas Eve) there will be a Service of Preparation at St. John's Cathedral.

The Hong Kong University Christian Association will be holding a carol concert to-day at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall of the University.

Mr. T. R. Wilson, Hong Kong manager for the Dollar Steamship Company and the American Mail Line, is going on home leave by the President Hoover next Saturday. He will be away for five months.

The Pharmacy have issued a handsome calendar for the New Year — with a coloured picture of a section of Nelson's fleet in full sail off Dover.

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The Sincere Co., Ltd., The Wing On Co., Ltd., and The Sun Co., Ltd., announce that for the convenience of Christmas shoppers all their stores will be open to-day, from 9 a.m. till 8.30 p.m.

The Canadian Cafe at No. 16, Queen's Road Central (Taping Building), announce that they have recently extended their kitchen, and that the public are cordially invited to inspect their modern equipment at any time.

The New Territories Agricultural Show is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 4 and 5, at Shek Wu Hui.

The following unclaimed radio telegrams are lying at the Government Radio Office: 8844, from Shanghai, Oyson 3955, from Taihoku, 84, Robinson Road, from New York, and Underwriters, from Hanoi.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. yesterday, was 0.81 inch. The total since January 1, has been 71.32 inches, as against an average of 84.78 inches.

At yesterday's matinee of the "Dick Whittington" pantomime in the Y.M.C.A. the pupils of the Volkova School of Dancing presented an additional ballet number — the tiny tots in the beautiful *Pas de Graces*. This and the other ballet numbers in the pantomime were under the direction of George Goncharoff.

from the King's Theatre by ZBW. To-morrow, between 1.03 p.m. and 1.30 p.m., Lawrence Tibbett will be heard in the Toreador's Song from "Carmen," "Figaro's Song" from "Figaro" and the Prologue from "I Pagliacci"; and on Tuesday, from 7.05 p.m. to 7.15 p.m., in "Pagliacci."

H.S.W.

The Street Sleepers' Shelter Society is opening a shelter in Kowloon early in January. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Wong Yiu-tung, J.P., suitable premises have been obtained, free of rent, at the corner of Nathan Road and Changsha Street (formerly the Kam Hing Factory). It is expected that the new shelter will accommodate 150 to 200 men.

Madame Madalah Masson, the famous pianist at present visiting the Colony, has consented, in response to numerous requests, to give another recital before leaving for Japan on January 8. The recital will take place at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, January 7, at 9.15 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due here from Manila at 8 a.m. next Friday. She will berth at the Kowloon Wharf and will later, at 10 a.m., go to Kowloon Dock for her annual overhaul.

The s.s. Talma left Singapore for this Port last Thursday and is due here on Tuesday afternoon next.

The s.s. Benledi is due here from Singapore next Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada will leave Vancouver next Saturday, and is due here on January 17.

The Hong Kong University are holding a carol concert at 9 p.m. to-day in the Great Hall of the University.

Instead of the usual dance to-morrow evening there will be a whist drive at the Cheero Club, beginning at 8.30 p.m. There will be no whist drive on Tuesday, Christmas Eve.

A Christmas Party is being given by the Committees, helpers and friends of the Cheero Club there on Christmas night, beginning on 7 p.m. All Servicemen will be cordially welcomed.

Up till yesterday over 400 tables had been booked for the Christmas Eve gala dance at the Hong Kong Hotel, while the reservations for the dance on New Year's Eve have already exceeded the 450 mark. As usual the management have made special arrangements to cater for "after dinner parties."

Bookings for the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Carnivals at the Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel are also very heavy. Enquiries from the management last evening elicited the news that over 250 reservations have been made for the Xmas Eve functions at each of the hotels, while the bookings for the New Year's Eve dance have exceeded the 300 mark in each case.

The following Hong Kong residents are doing the Christmas Excursion to Manila and return by the Empress of Japan: — Mr. J. R. Swales, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Jones, Brig. Gen. F. S. Thackeray, Mrs. Thackeray, Mr. and Mrs. Goo, E. Costello, Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. H. Sauerbeck, Capt. D. B. Michell, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Evans, Lt. C. A. Southey, Mr. G. S. Gamble, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. A. Moore, Mr. and

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The large audience present was enthusiastic and appreciative. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, brought a large party of friends, following a dinner party at Government House.

It is to be hoped that the next production of the A.D.C., which is really keenly looked forward to by the Hong Kong public, will be as good as this, and not postponed for too long.

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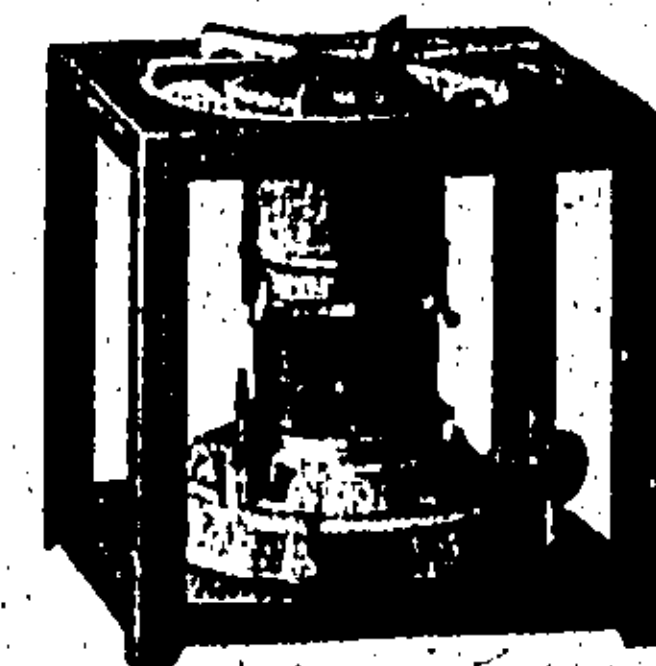
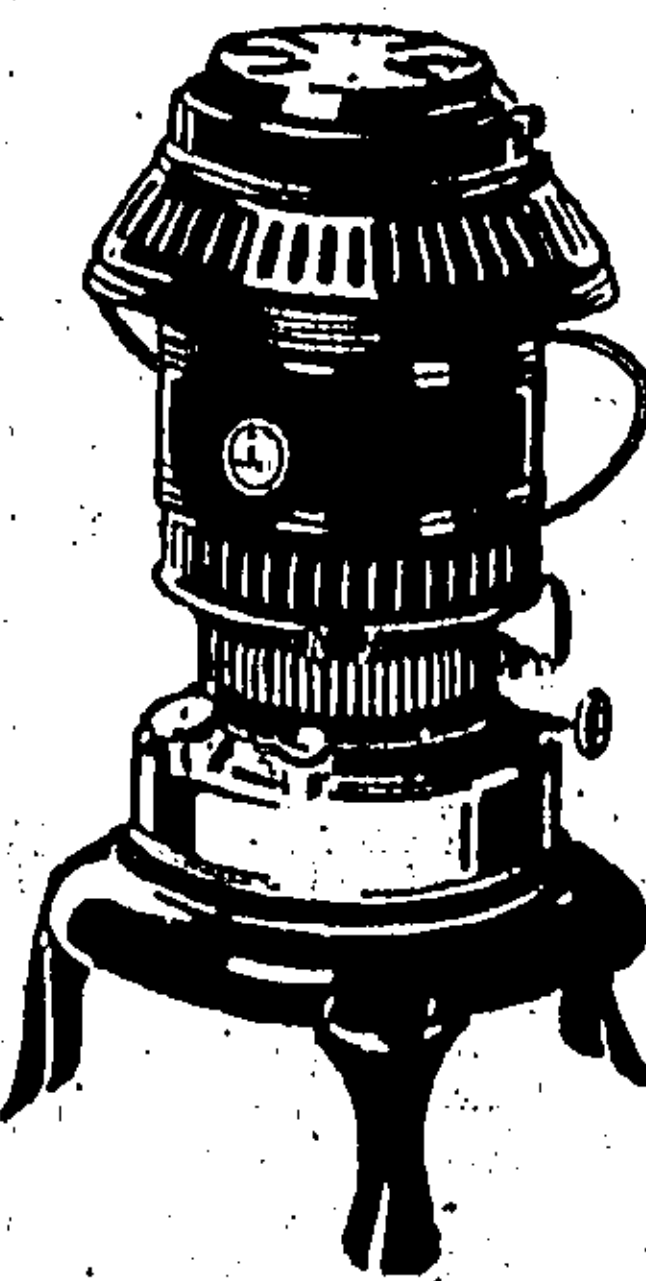
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ANIMISM IN CHINA AND JAPAN

MARVELLOUS PLANTS AND TREES

DWELLING-PLACES OF GOOD AND EVIL SPIRITS

(By PHYLLIS JUBY)

Part I

THAT trees and plants have souls or spirits surely cannot seem a very unnatural fancy. Both the Chinese and the Japanese believe that very large and old trees are animated and may be the abode of a spirit. The spirits are mostly represented as a man or a woman, sometimes as an animal, dwelling in or near the plant and emerging from it at times as a mischief-loving goblin or a kindly spirit bound to dispense blessings.

Forms Of Plant-Spirits

The idea that plant-spirits may have human or animal forms has engendered the belief that plants may change bodily into humans or animals, and again resume their plant forms. An old legend tells that a daughter of an Emperor changed on her death into a wondrous plant with luxuriant foliage, yellow flowers and most luscious fruit. Consequently those who ate of that marvellous plant were always of greater beauty than others.

According to an old classic: "Among the big trees that grow in the mountains there are some that can speak; but it is not the trees themselves that possess this faculty. Their spirit is named Yang of the Heavens and he who calls out this name becomes happy." The Yuen Chung-ki says: "The spirits of millennial trees are blue goats, and those of trees ten times as old are blue cows. Those souls often quit the trees and move among men. And the sap of the centennial trees is like blood."

In the Ts'ing dynasty, it is related, there suddenly sprang up on the bank of a river two green reeds. In a few days they were bending over with their full weight. It was ordered that they should be cut down; but at the first stroke of the axe blood appeared and a sound like the cry of a gander was heard coming from the hollow inside. Two cries answered each other, and inside the plant was found an egg like a duck's, while its roots showed the countenance and eyes of a snake.

Strange too is the belief that when a tree-spirit in human shape is wounded, the wound shows itself in the corresponding part of the tree.

Good And Evil Spirits

Plant-spirits may cure men of mental and bodily infirmities, prolong life, or even cause men to live for ever; but, on the other hand, the plant-devils or goblins are crafty and mischief-loving. Felling the trees in which these demons house may disable or kill them, but it is dangerous work; for the indwelling spirits, angered by the attack, may leave the tree before they are harmed and avenge themselves by causing distress and

death. Even to-day, in some parts of China, the people are afraid of felling large trees for fear lest the indwelling spirit become irritated and cause disease and calamity. The oldest work to mention the tree-spirits says, "In the Chang-ting Mountains live birds, cranes, and one-legged. They have red stripes, blue bodies and white bills. Their name is pi-fang. By their cries they call each other. When they appear, disastrous conflagrations burst out in town."

Japan, too, has its goblin-trees. One species of the willow is deemed especially ghostly and believed to have the power of haunting. The tree itself does not change its form, but a spectre leaves the tree and walks about in various guises. Often the shape the phantom assumes is that of a beautiful woman, who seldom speaks and seldom ventures far from the tree.

Trees For The Dead

The Chinese have always adhered to the custom of planting trees on graves. Trees are chosen that will strengthen and harbour the soul of the buried person. Pines and cypresses are preferred, since they are bearers of great vitality. In time these trees are believed to become closely connected with the soul in the grave, or even identical with it. An old Chinese myth tells of trees shading the tombs of a wife and her husband which entwined as if in a living embrace. Affectionate souls have been known, too, to most in the branches of the trees as ducks or swans! Indeed, the souls often show themselves as living birds. Those of the old pines are sometimes represented as cranes. "White cranes are the spirits of old pines and other trees of great age." A book of the Han dynasty speaks of an "old pine, to which tradition ascribed an age of more than 1,000 years, and into which white cranes flew continuously."

Life-Giving Trees

The pine is a symbol of longevity and immortality, and it is believed that the Taoist magicians sought immortality by swallowing its animated root. A Taoist treatise declares that "the root of a millennial pine, when eaten, causes one not to die; it has the shape of a flying bird." The resin of the pine is its animated soul-substance, the counterpart of blood in man and animals. It is related that a certain Chao-ku, through eating the resin of pine-trees, reached the age of 170 years without his teeth dropping out or his hair turning grey. In Japan, too, the pine, ever-green, is the emblem of unflinching purpose and vigorous old age, and the God of Longevity is usually represented as standing beside it. Its needle-shaped leaves are credited with the power of driving demons away.

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"Was it your father's custom to bathe when he was alone in the house?" asked the Inspector.

"Well," answered the son, "on several occasions when I had returned rather late, he had just finished having his bath. I'm very upset and feel that if I had been at home I could have done something to prevent this accident."

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Why Did He Say That?

(If you cannot solve the problem turn to Page 21).

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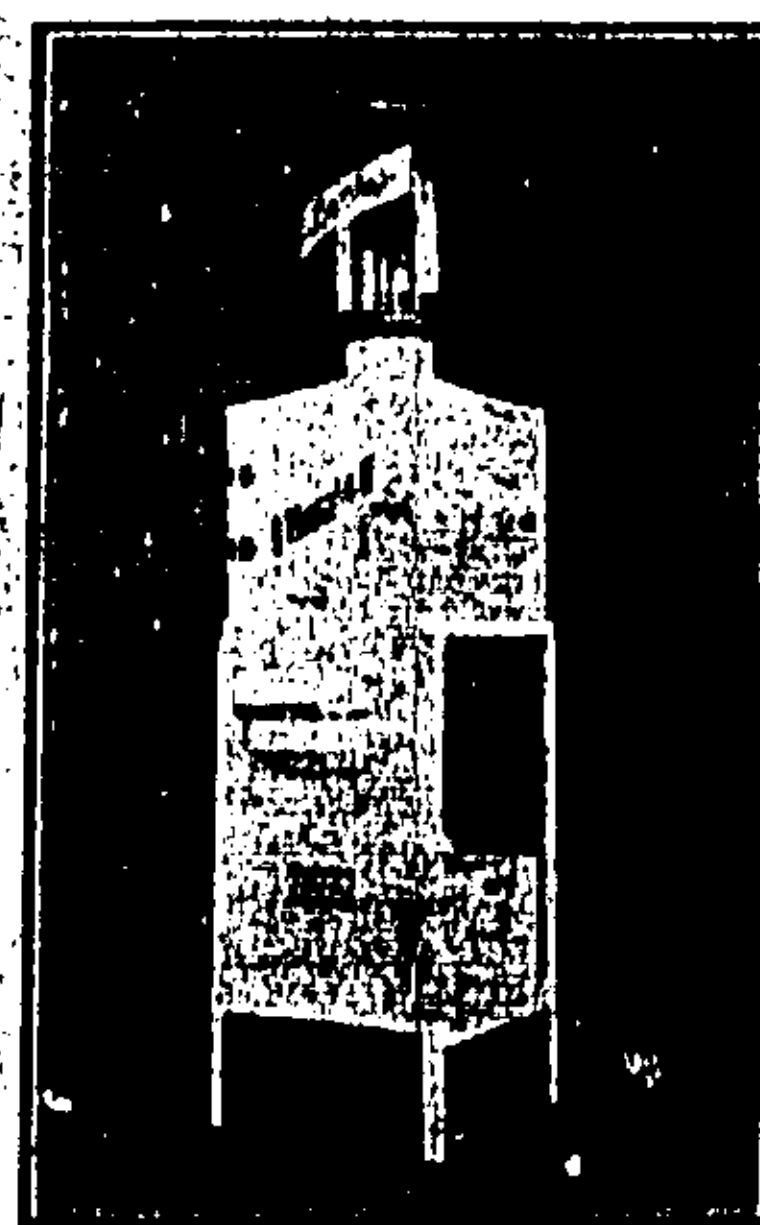


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1987. SWEET GEORGIA BROWN. Vocal. The Mills Brothers.
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MUSINGS ON THE ELECTION

How Do The Electors Decide?

Trifling Things That Sway Many People's Minds

(By ROSE MACAULAY)

"It is a little interesting," remarked my friend, as he looked over the list of candidates for election to the new Parliament. "to speculate which of these contending ladies and gentlemen will, by Thursday, have won their contest, and, in each case, precisely why."

"Interesting, I mean, psychologically." For my friend, as a novelist, is more concerned with the subtleties of human nature, and with the curious winds that blow the human mind this way and that, than with the broad facts of politics.

"But so much of it," I suggested, "is pure chance. People are swayed by motives as irrational and fleeting as the toss of a penny. Some of them, I dare say, may even toss pennies to decide." "Certainly," my friend agreed. "They both may and do. And that is in itself psychologically interesting. After all, it is not a bad way. All parties promise the same rewards, the same happy paradise round the corner, the same peace, progress and prosperity; and it is not within the power of every man and woman—perhaps of none—to appraise their respective means of fulfilment."

How To Judge?

"To spin a coin may show a more philosophic and balanced outlook in unpolluted minds than to believe the newspaper they happen to read or the last election speech they heard on the wireless."

"And that is another point—how much does propaganda affect people? How many voters are swayed by the fair words of candidates and their supporters and by the harsh words of their opponents?"

"Do bitter attacks like Lord Snowden's broadcast address influence the majority of his hearers for or against the Government he attacks? How many people are convinced by the lucid legal reasoning of Sir John Simon, the genial bluntness and goodwill of Mr. Baldwin, the fluent disparagements of Mr. Morrison and Major Atlee, the somewhat cautious Leaguery of Sir Samuel Hoare?"

"Such trifles sway some minds; they like or don't like the way a candidate pronounces his words, does his hair; they like, or don't like, his or her sex; they vote on personality rather than party. Some East Bristol non-party voters may have been seriously affected in their judgment of Sir Stafford Cripps by reading in a Sunday newspaper that he had said to an interviewer, 'I did not mean to infer in my speech' when he had said as much as more money, a job, meant 'I did not mean to imply' or

"I did not mean it to be inferred." "For my part, I give Sir Stafford, though he is a lawyer—and lawyers do speak often very strangely—the benefit of the doubt, and think it possible that he may have been misreported."

Trifles That Sway Men

"Anyhow, there you have an example of those small factors which sway voters not blindly pledged to party, not firmly equipped against choice by tradition and pre-conceptions, not already immovably certain that some given party will do more for their interests than any other party."

"There have been some letters lately in the Press about that important person, the Non-Party Voter. There may, wrote Mr. Wickham Steed, be millions of him; he is one himself, and he and his friends are troubled by doubts as to whether the National Government means to take a firm and unwavering line about the League and the Italo-Abyssinian war. He asked for a pledge."

"A letter from a bluff Conservative in reply decides this non-party voter, saying: 'The truth is there are cranks of all descriptions who are incapable of taking a broad view of the questions of the day, and these people are not worth troubling about.' They should be inculcated with wiser and more stable convictions."

"It should," says this writer, 'be enough for any one to have a party determined to see that our national defences are adequate for the protection of our Empire, and for the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and his Dominions.'"

"I omit his less grammatical constructions, but one sees what he means. He regards the 'cranks' who vote on individual issues instead of party as unimportant; as if their existence were not the only corrective to our odd party system."

A "Garden Of Eden"

"Heaven forbid that any party should feel that it will be blindly supported by its members, whatever line it may take on any question. That would indeed be, for a Government, what a rural division of Hampshire is, I believe, called by its Conservative candidate, 'a garden of Eden without the serpent.'"

"No; the public, though dull, has not quite such a skull. It does often inquire what its party means to do about this and that, before entrusting it with power. People want to be told that they will get a *quid pro quo*, some solid advantage for themselves, as more money, a job, cheaper food, lower rents, peace. The interesting question is, why?"



Possibly it was her husband's joke, but Mrs. P. E. Wakelin, of Victoria, Canada, has not stopped yawning since he told it 15 weeks ago. Doctors have not been able to solve her ailment as yet.

or what not.

"Since all parties promise them these things, it is something of a chance whom they believe, or rather distrust least. And it is here that the personality of the candidate comes in."

"Really rational men and women believe no candidate; but how many of us are, really rational? On what grounds, if I may ask, shall you vote yourself?" "Why?"

"In my constituency," I said, "there was scarcely a contest; the Conservative candidate was safe. I naturally, therefore, voted for his opponent, that our member may feel less secure, less able to ignore those little needs and desires of which we shall doubtless inform him during the coming sessions. A large majority is good for no member."

"Nor, probably, for any Government," my friend agreed. "And some thoughtful voters perhaps cast their votes in the light of that great precept, merely to keep the Government in order by securing a good opposition. But these were the few. The majority either voted for the party they had been led to believe would benefit them most (however they got this probably false impression), or for a candidate who somehow pleased them."

"A number of Oxford voters, for instance, voted for A. P. Herbert because they enjoy his books and his election letter and his wit, and are delighted that he owns to knowing nothing of agriculture. (By the way, I have heard it said, on the authority, I believe, of Mr. Eric Linklater, though who told him I do not know, that more University voting papers are spoiled than any others, owing to the inability of dons to refrain from making marginalia. But that is by the way.)

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YAUMATI SCHOOL PRIZES GIVEN AWAY BY MRS. A. O. BRAWN LARGE GATHERING PRESENT

THE annual prize-giving ceremony of the Yaumati School was held this morning, a large gathering of friends and relations of the pupils being present. Mrs. A. O. Brawn, wife of the Inspector of English Schools, distributed the prizes.

In his report Mr. C. Mycock, the Headmaster, made special reference to the New Method Conversation Course which had been used throughout the school in the past year, leading to a distinct improvement in colloquial subjects.

The following was the Report:—The maximum enrolment during the year was 204, and the daily average attendance was 254.4—the same as last year. The School opened 324 times during the year and the excellent attendance showed the high percentage of 98.7. We had a full school year, the first for some time.

Buildings and Equipment

The School buildings have been subject to the usual overhaul. The lighting of two classrooms was improved during March by the insertion of new type steel-frame windows. Nothing further can be done in this respect and artificial light is used as required.

To facilitate eye examinations a small dark-room has been constructed within the Clinic Room.

Some maps, mattresses and a vaulting horse were added to equipment.

Discipline continues to be very satisfactory. The resumption of drill has filled a long-felt want, enabling the boys to obtain more practical realisation of the meaning of the word and its embodiment in self-control.

Organisation

The use of the New Method Conversation Course—Parts 1-4—throughout the School led to a distinct improvement in Colloquial subjects. The abundant material supplied is excellent for discussion, and the lesson, formerly a burden to class and Staff, is more of a pleasure to both.

Class 4 continued with the New Method Composition, Book 5, and the introduction of the Series for Reading, Conversation and Com-

position begun in 1928 is now complete.

Larcombe's Senior Arithmetics, Preliminary, Book 1 and Book 2, were adopted for use in Classes 8, 7 and 6 with gratifying results. Great stress is laid on the value of Mental Arithmetic and the methods of approach to new work in the various sections is thoroughly up-to-date. Mr. Brawn, i.e., saw all these books in use in class during his inspection and liked them.

Welcome Change

The most welcome change in the Syllabus, however, dates from the appointment in January of an Army Instructor to take Physical Instruction. This resumption of drill has been warmly welcomed by the boys, who, in many cases, already show improvement in fitness and carriage as a result. Each class has a minimum of two periods per week in the school yard and, judging from the onlookers, the neighbourhood has acquired a new interest. The keenness aroused is favourably reflected in the classroom and I am pleased to report that results to date are very satisfactory.

To permit this introduction, formal Hygiene and Object Lessons vanished from the time-table except in Classes 8. This, however, must not be counted an entire loss. The New Method books in capable hands cover the same ground to a great extent.

Health of the School

As shown by the attendance the health of the school has been excellent. Previous reports have referred to the School Clinic and its manifold activities. Nowadays we accept this work as a matter of



General Douglas MacArthur (left), former Chief of Staff, United States Army, was greeted by Manuel Quezon, President of the new Philippine Commonwealth, on his arrival in Manila. General MacArthur will supervise the building of the new nation's army.

routine but its value to our little community cannot be too greatly stressed.

All boys in the school were vaccinated in March and there are 46 boys wearing the spectacles supplied by Government.

Studies

Altogether 248 boys sat at the Annual Examination, of whom 218 passed in English subjects, and 238 in Chinese. A high standard is insisted upon and promotion from class to class is only granted after a pass in both English and Chinese. Colloquial subjects are examined by the European Staff. Dictations, both in English and Chinese, are unmissable, the latter being set by the I.V.S. Mr. Law.

The lowest percentage of passes for the whole school—85.7%—was obtained in Geography. Results as a whole must therefore be considered as very satisfactory.

In the external examination for Class 4 the results were even better than those of last year. Of 48 boys examined 41 passed. For the second successive year all passed in Chinese.

The Class won seven Government Scholarships for three years at either King's College or Queen's.

Sports

The many sporting activities of the school have been well maintained. Volley-ball, basketball, football and ping-pong matches were regularly arranged during the recessive seasons.

The Juniors were runners-up in

the ping-pong league. The 18th Annual Sports held on that valuable asset—the School Ground in King's Park—attracted a goodly number of parents. Mrs. Mycock kindly presented the prizes.

General

To promote an extension of interest in the School Library, the books were re-classified and allotted to the various classes. With improved cupboard accommodation, I hope to see every class provided with a graded nucleus of books suitable for home-study and reading.

In May we celebrated the Silver Jubilee by an Assembly to hear the Governor's Address read and the presentation of a Jubilee Medal to each boy. In the evenings the school was illuminated. Every boy saw the Jubilee film of His Majesty's reign at the King's Theatre.

In June the school team again secured second place in the Chinese Essay Competition, which is held under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and open to all Chinese Kowloon Schools. This competition has now been held annually for the last six years.

This year has been one of quiet and steady progress. The members of the Staff have, without exception, worked exceedingly well. Changes in method and/or text books can be very disagreeable and entail a certain amount of additional work. That so much has been done in this respect without detriment to the efficiency of the school

MADAME LOTTIE GORDON

ANOTHER CONCERT IN KOWLOON

Madame Lottie Gordon, in response to many requests, will repeat her recent concert at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday next at 9.30 p.m.

In addition to pianoforte and song items by Madame Gordon herself, including many of her own compositions, her pupils will be heard in Christmas Carols sung in Chinese, and she will also be assisted by Frau Elise Schroeter (violinist), Madame Dreffa, Miss Clothilde Andrade, Misses Dorothy and Winifred Raven and Mr. Samson Moore.

Tickets may be obtained at Moutrie's, the Tsang Fook Piano Co., Anderson's and from Madame Gordon herself, at No. 14, Hart Avenue, Kowloon.

The proceeds will be devoted to charity.

or disturbing its harmony, speaks well for their loyal co-operation, and I thank them.

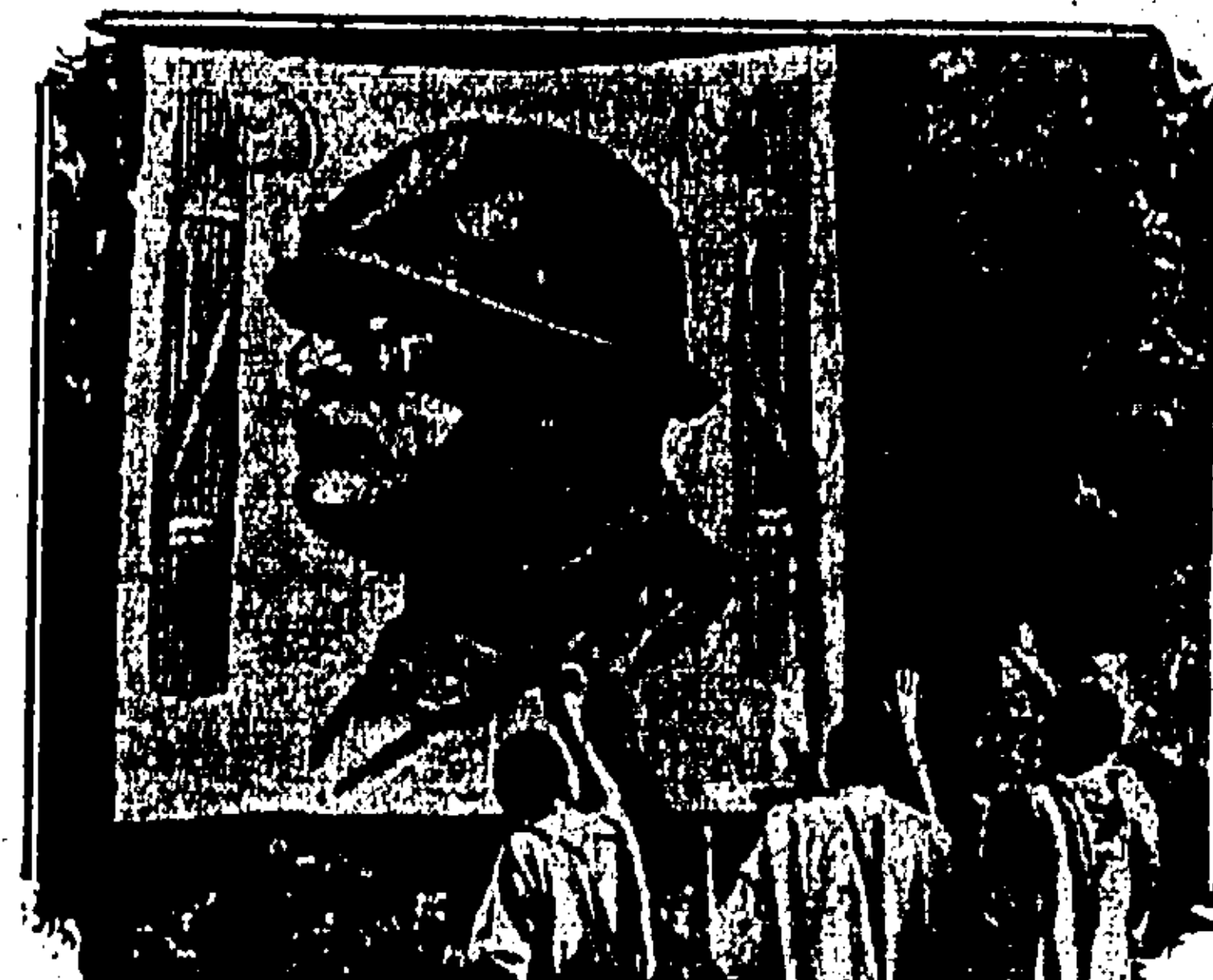
Tribute to Mr. Brawn

In conclusion, I refer with mingled feelings to what will most probably be the last appearance here in an official capacity of a very old friend of the school. Mr. Brawn has acted as Headmaster of this school on several occasions. I believe the first time was immediately after the untimely death of the late Mr. Curwen in 1914. The staff of this school has always held him in the highest esteem. We would like to wish you, Mr. Brawn, and Mrs. Brawn, whom we are also highly delighted to see, a most happy, healthy and long retirement as a fitting reward for your long and honourable career in the service of education in this colony.

May I express our thanks to Mrs. Brawn for so kindly coming here today to present the prizes.

The following is the list of Prize-winners:—

ENGLISH AND CHINESE
Class 4a: 1. Yau Ka Pok, 2. Fung Tin Yau, 3. Chan Cho Huen, 4. Tam Ping Hang, 5. Li Sai Hung, 6. Chan Kai Kit (all G.F.S. for 4 years) and 7. Ip Wing Cheung—Class Prize.
Class 4b: 1. Ng Cheo Kin—G.F.S. for 3 years, 2. Cheng Ka Cheung—W.H.T. for 3 years, 3. Cheung Kwok Cheung—Class Prize.



Ethiopian natives in the territory now occupied by Italy's armies are learning that it is a good idea to salute the big pictures of Mussolini now dotting the landscape, as our photograph made at Adigrat shows.

A TRUE SHERRY STORY

"Amontillado's My Firm"

A traveller, obviously of the "on commission only" type, recently managed to catch the principal of one of the big provincial English wine distributors, and after the usual preliminaries coolly asked: "I suppose you are interested in Sherry?" The firm was, to the extent of bottling some scores of bottles each year, and the traveller went on to enlarge on the wonderful value of his own particular lines.

"Whose shipping are they?" he was asked. "Oh, our own," came the reply. "But what Jerez concern ships them for you?" was asked, and insufficiently answered.

Then, like a gleam of sunshine the traveller had an inspiration. "You've heard of Amontillado, haven't you?" he said, "well, that's my firm."—*Wines and Spirit Trade Review.*

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WOMAN'S GUIDE TO FOOTBALL

Pleasant Saturday Afternoons

"SOCCER" AND "RUGGER"

THERE comes a time in the life of every woman when there is a plain choice between spending Saturday afternoon alone and attending a football match: and we all know the answer to that.

The only thing that may cause hesitation is the fear of causing her pedestal to crumble through ignorance, and these hints are intended to enable the plainest tyro (she will need it more than the pretty ones) to drop an apt remark from time to time.

It must be clearly borne in mind that there are two main kinds of football, each fiercer than the other: not, however, so fierce as in the good old days when the missile consisted of a deceased enemy's disused head.

Hose For Half-Hose

One kind is called "Soccer"—a name originally given in derision to the first team which abandoned hose for half-hose.

The ball in this case is round, thus dating the game definitely from those Cavalier sportsmen who kept themselves fit in this way during the Civil War.

At each end of the field is a cage, or "goal" (in these decadent days spelt "goal"), in which the worst player on each side is placed as a form of disgrace and debared from taking active part in the game. Formerly he was chained to the ground, and some move as though they still were.

His execution by shooting, which used to conclude the festivities, has now passed into the scoring of the game.

Egg-Shaped Pill

The "Rugger" game (from the animal skins worn by the ancient players) is manifestly older, and the egg-shaped ball, or "pill" as it is technically called, shows its dolichocephalic or Garboid ancestry.

Here, too, may be seen the old form of goal in the form of the letter H, for "heads," a cry still used by visiting captains before the kick-off to show that they do not care a half-penny for the opposition.

It is possible to score heavily in Rugger by dropping the ball over the crossbar, and this makes the inclusion of a skilled pole-jumper essential to any first-class team.

It will be noticed, however,

that in Rugger there is no goal-keeping. This is probably because, shortly after the game was invented, expert tight-rope walkers became extinct, and no one has since admitted to having learned the art.

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1. Is "the White House spokesman" one of the President's secretaries? (Yes.....No.....)
2. Is it true that the kangaroo, when travelling at full speed, makes hops averaging more than 20 feet? (Yes.....No.....)
3. Is most of the Sahara Desert held by Britain? (Yes.....No.....)
4. Is the square of 11 larger than the cube of 5? (Yes.....No.....)
5. Would it be correct to say that the population of the British Empire exceeds 400,000,000? (Yes.....No.....)
6. If you are driving your car 60 miles an hour, are you travelling more than 60 feet a second? (Yes.....No.....)
7. Does Russia supply most of the world's asbestos? (Yes.....No.....)
8. Is a Pyrrhic victory one in which the conquerors sustain only minor losses? (Yes.....No.....)
9. Is the population of Italy in excess of 30,000,000? (Yes.....No.....)
10. Was the flag of the Red Cross suggested by the flag of Switzerland? (Yes.....No.....)

Sandy bent forward and looked at him curiously. "Hill you," he said. "Dae ye no kon wha 'fore means? Or did ye jist no 'hear me?" Then he turned to the rooted D.O. appealingly,

somewhere in his compound against a rainy day, he permitted himself to indulge his boyhood passion.

At some considerable expense he imported a magnificent set of clubs, hall-marked with the name of his birthplace, and with these and the three holes already constructed, golf came to Dogora.

Life for the District Officer changed completely. From his kit he unearthed a few rusty clubs, relics of the set which he had misguidedly brought out from home when he first voyaged to Africa. Then he and Sandy Ross betook themselves happily to the three-hole course which gradually they planned, with much good-humoured bickering, to extend to full size. Thus was formed the Dogora Golf Club.

Some fine games were played on these three holes, and always the players were attended by a file of the Kalis; for, as you know, the Boma is a goodish step from the course, and the possibility of inter-tribal war was never far away.

For a time there was peace; but of a sudden the flare-up happened. From the north the Mavita herds swept down on Dogora; from the south swiftly came the armies of the Wagora. The war-drums thudded out their ominous messages by day and by night. From far and near the small peaceful tribes flocked to the Boma for the protection of the Government.

It was an anxious time for the D.O., for he knew that if the great clash came the blood-mad victors, inflamed by battle and the lust of conquest, would ravage the country. They would—sadly turn savagely to slay all that were not of their breed—African, Asiatic, European.

Hurriedly he made his preparations. The defences of the Boma were strengthened, and all who needed refuge were herded within its walls. It was unlikely that it could hold out very long with its puny force; but he meant to make the best stand he could, forlorn hope though it was.

Barely had he completed his organisation when the warring armies poured into Dogora. Battle was not immediately joined. They halted, and the lines formed facing each other on the open space where stood, and still stands, the golf-course. It was but the lull before the outbreak of hostilities, during which the opposing forces made their preparations, hurling insults at one another the while.

The District Officer, desperate, resolved to play his last and only card. He determined to go down alone and unarmed, as so many of his prototypes had done in like circumstances, and attempt by bluff or mediation to avert the imminent turmoil.

Before saluting from the Boma, he called for, then searched for, the only man he could safely leave in command. Sandy Ross, Sandy could not be found. He had endured his two days of confinement in the Boma with very bad grace, it was remembered, and now he had disappeared.

Time was precious. The peace-maker went forth, inwardly quaking and outwardly cool. His arrival on the battlefield created a very good impression indeed. Mbata, Chief of the Wagora, in those days, even interrupted his wild oration to the troops in order to witness the approach of the feeble Englishman.

The good impression did not last long, however; the dogs of war strained too heavily at the leash, impatient of further restraint. The Mavita pressed forward: war-cries belled out; the words of the mediator were lost.

"Depart, O Mzungu!" shrieked Mbata. "The spirits of our fathers call for blood—blood of the Mavita—we will not hear you!"

Then, maddened by the motionless figure that stood so contemptuously before him, he raised his assegai.

"Aye! And blood also of the white man!" he shouted, drawing his arm to hurl the murderous blade.

Suddenly he was felled to the ground. A little white object bounded high from his thick skull. There was a mighty yell of "FORE!" A gasp of wonder shook the ranks of the warriors. Sandy Ross appeared as from nowhere, bag slung on shoulder, niblick in hand. He marched up to the fallen chief, who was now sitting dazedly rubbing his head.

Sandy bent forward and looked at him curiously.

"Hill you," he said. "Dae ye no kon wha 'fore means? Or did ye jist no 'hear me?"

Then he turned to the rooted D.O. appealingly,



There are battles to be won, no Field Marshal Pietro Badoglio, above, frequent critic of Premier Benito Mussolini's dictatorship, has succeeded General Emilio De Bono, pioneer Fascist leader, in supreme command of the Italian forces in Africa.

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This will be a farewell performance prior to the departure of the Battalion for India on January 4.

The following programme will be rendered:

1. March, Nibelungen (Wagner)
2. Overture, Marriage of Figaro (Mozart)
3. Selection, Lilac Time (Schubert, arr. Clutsum)
4. Idyll, The Glow-Worm (Lincke)
5. Valse, Wein, Wein und Gesang (Strauss)
6. Selection, Madam Butterfly (Puccini)
7. Excerpts from Roberta (Kern)
8. Cornet Duet, Night in Switzerland (Hume)
9. Fantasia, Savoy Xmas Medley (Somers)
- Regimental Marches—The Maple Leaf; The Royal Windsor; The Lincolnshire Poacher.
- God Save The King.

Conductor—Mr. R. W. Griffet, A.R.C.M. (Bandmaster).

"Here! Can ye no tell them that they're blockin' the course? I could scarce see the flag on the thurd green."

Mbata had now risen, and was glowering, with some respect, at the strange weapon Sandy carried.

"Weel!" said the latter. "Ye'll maybe be feeling a bit better now. But it was your ain fault. I cried 'fore,' mind!"

Then, with some idea of offering reparation, he added affably:

"Like a wee shot?" and thrust the niblick into Mbata's uncertain hands.

The chief had not understood one word of all this; but he comprehended that the ball placed before him was there to be struck with the stick he now held; and he was curious.

He swiped; by some freak of fortune he achieved a beautiful stroke. Thousands of wondering eyes followed the graceful arc described by the gleaming ball—and then there was pandemonium. The ball had descended this time on the uplifted face of the Mavita chief; and he, too, fell ignominiously to earth.

Sandy roared with laughter; but the D.O. grasped his chance.

"See!" he called to the delighted Mbata. "The spirits of your fathers have sent ye a new manner of making war, by which means they will rest for ever content. Would ye learn more of the ways of the little wizard ball?"

It was amazing. For three full days a festival of golf ensued—Dogora's first big golf festival. The warriors were fascinated and would not desist. Under the tutelage of the two white men they swung and hacked and toiled round the three sadly overworked holes, until at last the exhausted D.O. issued his decree. For all time, he said, there would be peace between the tribes if on one day of each month their chiefs would appear at Dogora and there perform the all-powerful ritual of "golf."

Peaceably they accepted the ruling, and peacefully they dispersed. And from that day, gentlemen, . . . Yes, of course, I was the D.O. What happened to Sandy Ross? Did they make him a tribal deity? Why, no. As a matter of fact, they murdered him shortly afterwards—for the sake of his bag of clubs.

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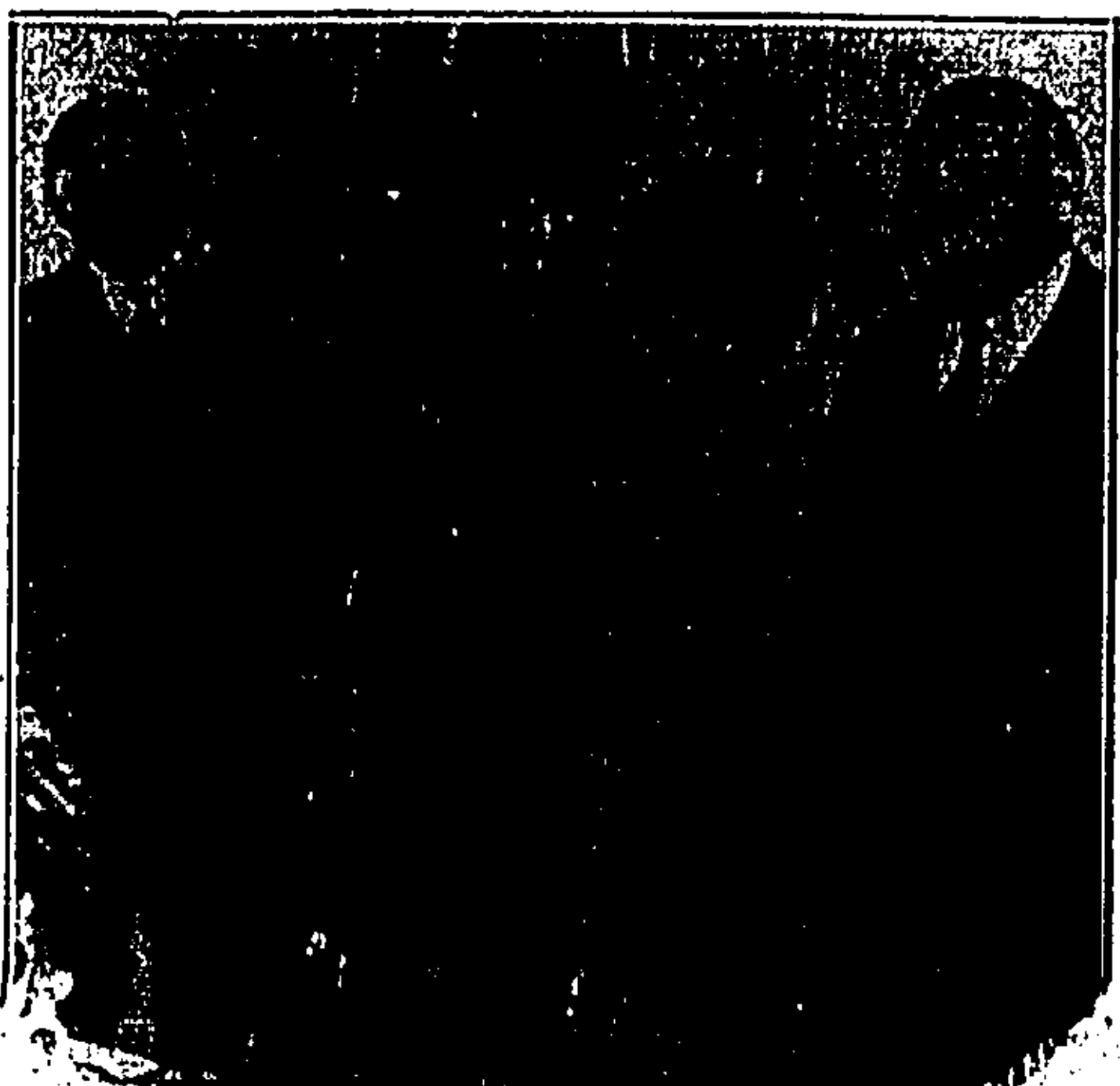
The Society of Illustrators, composed of many of America's leading artists, is now waging a legal battle over the action of New York police in arresting Colette Nick's (left) and four other models who appeared in the annual Illustrators' show for their friends, on a charge of indecency. Artists say that it was art, and besides it was not a public show. Billie Rummell (right) had finished her role and departed before the police arrived.



One of America's latest bombing planes drops its load of destruction in target practice on a test flight from Barksdale Field La. Besides bombs, this new type of ship, rated as the most efficient offensive plane in the world, carries five machine-guns.



The American youths comprising The Manhattan String Quartet, who were recently beaten in Rome by a crowd which mistook them for Britons, are shown with their adviser before they left New York. Left to right (front), Oliver Edel, Hugo Kortschak, adviser; Harris Danziger, Back: Julius Shaler and Harry Weinstein.



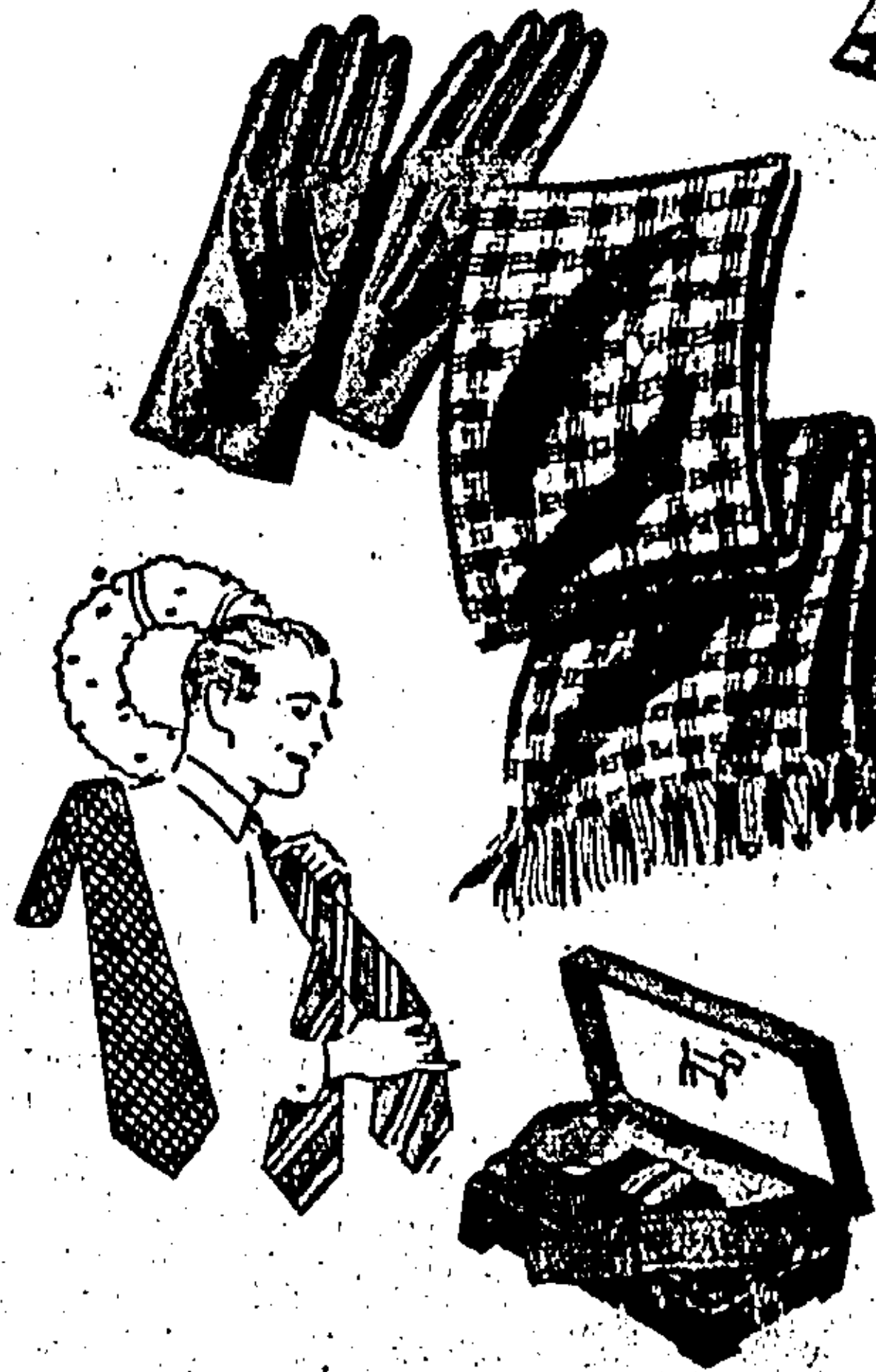
Shirley Temple and the late Will Rogers were real pals in Hollywood, so the little star was chosen to unveil Almond's first memorial plaque to the late comedian. Joseph Schenck (left) and Governor Frank Merriam of California took part in the ceremonies.



(Above) These pictures graphically tell the story of the furious storm which last month swept down the Eastern seaboard with a record tide to inundate thousands of coastal homes from Maine to Virginia. This craft (right) foundered right in the Bronx. New York, at Edgewater Camp while the huge waves (left) threatened to engulf South Norwalk, Connecticut, homes on Long Island Sound. (Right) A strange malady, known as myocitis ossification, is turning 16-month-old Dolores Hreska to stone as physicians at the Madison, Wisconsin, hospital seek a cure through diet.

At the Muck Crops Show at North Judson, Indiana, Miss Evelyn Edwards was elected queen over 20 other beauties.

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Asparagus M. W.	Sunkist	2 1/2 sq. tin	.73
Asparagus Tips	Del Monte	No. 1 sq. tin	.68
Asparagus Tips	Sunkist	No. 1 sq. tin	.65
Asparagus Tips	Del Monte	Picnic tin	.35
Asparagus Tips	Sunkist	Picnic tin	.33
Blackberries	Del Monte	1 lb tin	.38
Beef, Dried	Libby	3 1/2 oz. bot.	.35
Cream, Thick	Peony	6 oz. tin	.25
Cream Crackers	Jacob	No. 3 tin	1.55
Cherries, Red	Sunkist	6 oz. bot.	.35
Celery, Utah	S & W	No. 2 tin	.70
Cluster Raisins	Californian	5 lb. box	1.85
Cluster Raisins	Californian	per box	.28
Dates	Dromedary	10 oz. pkts.	.40
Drinking Straws	Sunshine	500 in. pkt.	.30
Egg Plums	Del Monte	2 1/2 tin	.41
Fruit for Salad	Del Monte	2 1/2 tin	.65
Fruit Cocktail	S & W	1 lb tin	.38
Figs, Calimyrna	S & W	8 oz. cello pkt.	.27
Grapes, Muscat	Del Monte	2 1/2 tin	.45
Greengage Plums	Del Monte	2 1/2 tin	.44
Green Peas	Fama	1 lb tin	.14
Golden Delicious	Californian	per lb.	.40
Greengages, English	Beaulah	No. 2 tin	.30
Honey, Strained	S & W	1 lb bot.	.70
Honey, Comb	S & W	1 lb bot.	.85
Haricot Verts	Dalidet	1 lb tin	.32
1/2 Lemons & 1/2 Oranges	Brooke	20 oz. bot.	.75
Jams, Assorted	IXI	12 oz. tin	.22
Juice, Grape	Welch	1 pint bot.	.55
Juice, Grape	Welch	1/2 pint bot.	.35
Juice, Grape	Welch	Jr. bot.	.20
Juice, Grapefruit	S & W	Picnic tin	.25
Juice, Sauerkraut	S & W	No. 2 tin	.32
Jelly, Red Currant	C & B	1 lb tin	.45
Kipper Snacks	Borgen	3 1/2 oz. tin	.09
Lime Juice	Rose	Quart bot.	1.25
Loganberries	Sunkist	Buffet tin	.25
Loganberries	Del Monte	1 lb tin	.38
Marshmallow	Campfire	1 lb pkt.	.45
Mushrooms, French	Anchor	8 oz. tin	.28
Mixed Fruits	S & W	1 lb cello pkt.	.60
Marmalade, Orange	C & B	1 lb tin	.40
Mince Meat	C & B	1 lb tin	.58
Mince Meat	Libby	1 lb bot.	.60
Mince Meat	Chiver	1 lb bot.	.70
Oil, Golden West	Swift	1 gal. tin	3.00
Olive Oil	Duret	Quart bot.	2.85
Olive Oil	Duret	Pint bot.	1.65
Orangecup	C & B	Quart bot.	.65
Oranges	Sunkist	per doz.	.70
Plum Pudding	C & B	1 lb tin	1.00
Plum Pudding	C & B	2 lb tin	1.80
Plum Pudding	C & B	3 lb tin	2.65
Peas, Fresh English	Chiver	10 1/2 oz. tin	.25
Pork & Beans	Aylmer	1 lb tin	.17
Popcorns	Cracker Jack	1 1/2 oz. pkt.	.10
Peas, Sundried	S & W	1 lb cello pkt.	.70
Peaches, Sundried	S & W	1 lb cello pkt.	.60
Prunes	Californian	per lb.	.15
Peas, Sugar	Sunkist	No. 2 tin	.48
Pickles, Home Made	Libby	1 lb bot.	.40
Peas, Cooked	Beaulah	30 oz. tin	.45
Peas, Cooked	Beaulah	20 oz. tin	.35
Peas, Cooked	Beaulah	11 oz. tin	.22
Raspberries, Frozen	Bodie	1 lb ctn.	.80
Raspberries	Sunkist	Buffet tin	.30
Raspberries	Del Monte	1 lb tin	.50
Salmon, Red Sockeye	Del Monte	1 lb tin	.48
Salmon Steak, Sockeye	Del Monte	1/2 flat tin	.45
Salad Vegetables	S & W	15 oz. tin	.55
Salad Oil	"G" Diamond	8 oz. bot.	.95
Sardines in Oil	Paramount	150 gm tin	.20
Strawberries, Frozen	Bodie	1 lb ctn.	.80
Strawberries	Sunkist	Buffet tin	.30
Sweet Corn	Our Flag	No. 2 tin	.30
Tribeek	H & P	1/2 lb pkt.	.50
Vinegar, Table	Royal	Quart bot.	.35
Vegetables of Macedoine	Chiver	10 1/2 oz. tin	.25

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WISE & OTHERWISE

"Millionaire Cuts His Son Off With A Shilling"
A sudden change of heir.

RECORD

Leonardo da Vinci, it is recorded, spent two years on Mona Lisa's lips. That beats even a Hollywood close-up.

Saves Counting

Most criminals, we are told, are lazy. There is, for instance, the burglar who always waits up for the morning paper to see how much he has got away with.

PRINCE AND PEASANT

An Indian rajah is having a statue of his wife moved to where he cannot see it so often. Not the first man who couldn't stand the site of his wife.

Twing, Twang

I read that harpists are usually meek little men.
But lots of pluck.

Definition—Income—something you can't live within or without.

Asking For It

A man complained to a magistrate that during an argument his wife suddenly hit him. Probably he had just told her the whole thing was as plain as the nose on her face.

Believe It Or Not

Born 1800
This man of power
Died at seventy
(Miles an hour).

Expensive

Some women spend as much as £100 a year on their hairdressers. Just another case of too much money going to the head.

LEARNING

A magistrate declares: "I should never have believed that there are so many foolishly credulous people." Which just goes to prove that you never know till you try.

Getting On In The World
Be nice to people until you make a million. After that, people will be nice to you.



Village Idiot: "My friend says you gave him sixpence because he had one leg."
Gentleman: "That is so."
Village Idiot: "Then give me a shilling — I have two legs."

Once Bitten —
"Man's leg broken in four places" reads a headline. He likes women almost as much as won't go near these places again.

IN AND OUT
A correspondent says he put a penny in a stamp machine and six penny stamps came out. That's nothing. A boy put a button in a cigarette machine and a tobaccoist came out.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

THE MAN FISH OF ADEN

THE fabled merman and mermaid have been written about since the days when the first European sailors rounded Africa and crossed the Indian Ocean, but what they mistook for the half-human fish are really known as manatus. These peculiar salt sea dwellers have a striking resemblance to a human being as they swim in their habitual manner—heads above the water and arm-like fins paddling. They are difficult to catch alive, but several specimens have been brought to port at Aden and exhibited in salt water tanks.

A Bit Mixed
The business man who, when told he was run-down, applied for a winding-up order.

DRESSED TO KILL

American gangsters are said to be very particular about their appearance.

IS IT NECESSARY?

A man is forbidden by law to marry his mother-in-law. The surprising thing is that we need a law like that.

WELCOME

Electrically-mixed drinks are served at a modern restaurant. What's yours?

Definition
A misogynist is one who dislikes women almost as much as they dislike one another.

Reversing It
Ex-King Alfonso's jewels are said to be worth a fortune. There's six penny stamps came out. nothing like saving from a reigny day.

Profiteer's Version

Manors makyth man.

ALL CORRECT

Bobby Jones says that ideal training for golf is to go through the movements of swinging without hitting a ball. That means I am having ideal training every week-end.

Money For Jam
A heavy-weight boxer has just received £500 for being knocked out. Clout with a silver lining.

Fashion Note
Tartan is to be all the rage next summer... unless, of course, the idea gets scotched.

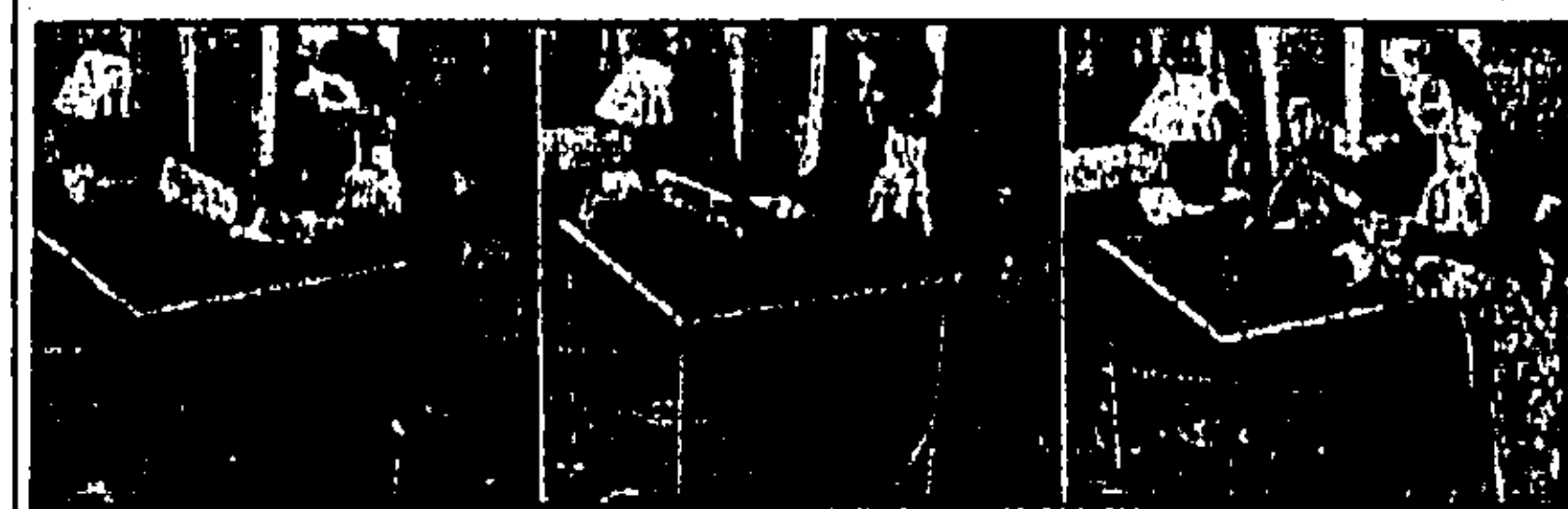
Cynic's Version
'Tis better to have loved and lost than merely to have loved.

LITTLE THOUGHT

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY

GIRL STUDENTS IN "MACBETH"

THE prize-giving ceremony of St. Mary's School, Kowloon, which was performed yesterday evening before a large gathering of parents of the students and friends, was a most interesting occasion. Professor L. Forster, of the University, presented the prizes after a number of scenes from "Macbeth" had been most efficiently presented by some of the senior girls of the institution.

The Headmistress, Mother Louise, read a long report on the activities of the school during the past year. In addition to pointing out the aims of the school, Mother Louise made a reference to the generosity of Mrs. L. A. R. Duncan, which enabled the children to pay particular attention to physical training.

The following was the report:

Attendance: The school year 1934-35 opened with 518 girls in roll, and the attendance was the whole year very steady.

The Aims of the School: Our aim is to form our girls as harmoniously as possible, and to equip them for life to the best of our possibility. Therefore side by side with a serious application to the different school subjects, we try to develop their personality, physical and moral, to broaden their horizons, and multiply their interests.

Physical Training: We had regular classes of drill and games both in this room, which serves as Gymnasium, and in the playground, thanks to the devotedness of Mrs. L. A. R. Duncan, to whom we wish to express our gratitude. In May we were thus enabled to celebrate Mother's Day with a public Drill Display, in the open, much enjoyed by parents and friends. In the winter we took our children for some occasional hikes, and in summer for two lunch bathing picnics.

Plays Presented

Dramatic Activities: The school stage is made very good use of. The public performances recur fairly regularly in Autumn and Spring, and last year the two plays we presented fetched a net income of \$955.00, which proved extremely useful to three different Mission Districts of the interior, where the money was devoted to the support of an orphanage in Tam Tung of a leper colony in Ping Shan and helped in the building of a little Mission School in Nam-Tao.

Resides this the stage proves very useful in any occurrence of school life. We seldom break up at the end of a Term without a concert, to which every class contributes with Music, Recitations, Playlets or Songs, this adding nothing, except interest, to the class work, for it is just the class work that is then brought on the stage for the enjoyment and emulation of the whole school. On the stage too takes place the customary interclass Recitation Competition, when a silver cup is awarded to the class that is voted by the Staff and pupils the best. This year the cup was won by Class 1, who acted a scene from their Set Book the Merchant of Venice.

New Practical Interests

The Needlework Classes: have been given a new and practical interest by adding to the usual confecting of personal garments, the cutting and sewing of dresses for the poor, some 200 of which are distributed at Christmas to destitute families, the material being bought by the children themselves.

Other charitable activities of our girls have been the assiduous collecting and distributing of old clothes, the providing with a complete layette of more than one destitute baby. Two others were provided with milk, 15 families were given Christmas hampers, and two Vernacular Mission Schools were given a small monthly subsidy.

Favourable Report

Inspection: The school was inspected by Mr. A. O. Brown, Inspector of English Schools. I will quote literally from his Report: "Building: very suitable, with a very pleasant outlook in every direction. The wooden partitions of the Junior School have been replaced by walls so that the rooms are nearly sound-proof. Ceiling fans have been installed in the new building, which is not so open to the Lyceum breezes. "Equipment very good. Many nationalities attend this school, so in addition to English, instruction in French, Portuguese and Chinese is provided. Discipline very good. The school is very efficient. The Kindergarten is of material assistance, for its children are above

the required standard when they pass into Class 8. The Essays written by classes 1 and 2 provided evidence of the sound training given to the pupils. Much interest is taken in drawing, painting, music and needlework."

The School Certificate Examination: Nine pupils sat for the School Certificate Examination and six were successful, securing in all 4 distinctions in English, 3 in Religious Knowledge, 3 in Domestic Science and 1 in Arithmetic.

University Student

I will not discuss here the convenience of the School Certificate, but I may add that it is a pity our three failed candidates should go off in life without an official Certificate, though all of them passed in six subjects, one of them obtaining Distinction in English and Domestic Science.

This year we had the satisfaction of seeing a pupil of ours entering Hong Kong University, the first of our girls to do so, and we hope she will be followed by many others in future.

General: Following the examples and precepts of our Foundress, the Venerable Marchioness Magdalen of Canossa, the centenary of whose death recurs this year—that great apostle of youth, who dedicated her whole self to the formation of a religious body consecrated to the education of the masses, we try to help, as much as our possibility allows, in solving the acute problem of the education of children, and open our doors to all who otherwise would go without even the most elementary education.

Free Schooling

This year 93 children have been given completely free schooling, books, clothes and occasionally food, while 102 others are here at reduced fees. For 40 of the latter group the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Benevolent Society, and the Liga Portuguesa are giving us most generous help, for which we thank them heartily.

We wish to thank also at this time the Rev. Fathers Rignanti and De Angelis for their precious spiritual assistance to the school, as well as all the parents of our pupils for their co-operation in the work of education, which will only bear fruits, lasting through life, when family and school join hands in the formation of the child. Then we tender our thanks to you all, friends of St. Mary's here convened this evening, and especially to Prof. Forster, who has so kindly agreed to distribute the prizes. It is a great privilege to have you here to-day and for having come the Mother Superior, the Sisters and teachers and all the pupils wish to express their heartfelt gratitude.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

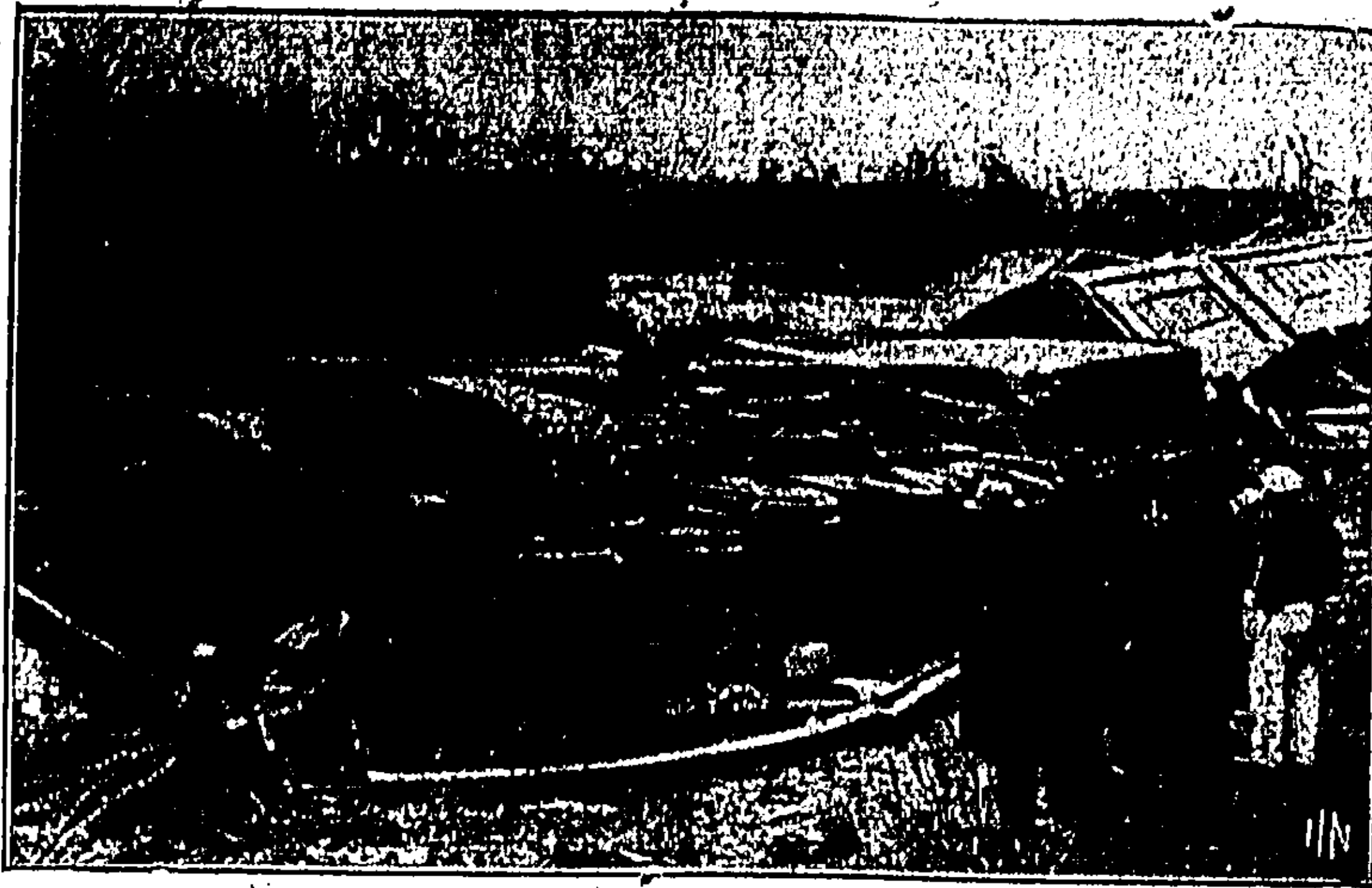
Scholarships
Irene Alonso.—Winner of the Lu-gard Scholarship for 1935-37.
Dr. Games' Scholarships for good conduct, punctuality, and attendance:—Lily Chiu, Irene Silva, Aida Silva, Rosio Leong, Mary Tang, Elvie Sequeira, Delbie Silva, Marjorie Wong, Pansy Chan, Christina Chow, Margaret Tang, Rose Tong, Rose Chan.

School Certificates
Marie Britto.—Distinction in English, Biblical Knowledge and Domestic Science.
Lily Chiu.—Distinction in Biblical Knowledge.
Isabella Orosio.—Distinction in English and Religious Knowledge.
Florence Lee.—Distinction in English and Domestic Science.
Annie Lee.—Distinction in Arithmetic.
Lucy Ho.—School Certificate.

Class Prizes
The Class Prizes were won as follows, in order of precedence:—
Class 2.—1. Vivian Castro and Marie Orosio.

Class 3.—1. Irene Alonso, 2. Mary Tang and 3. Verna Rodriguez.
Class 4.—1. Phyllis Liang, 2. Cissy Cheung and 3. Daisy Yau.

Class 5.—1. Kathleen Tsang, 2. Filomena Lau and 3. Helen Lam.
Class 6A.—1. Clara Loy, 2. Marie Rosario and 3. Malay Law.
Class 6B.—1. Margaret Tang, 2.



This softened roadbed gave way when a gale swept waves over the Long Island R. R. tracks near Aquebogue, Long Island, last month, and this passenger train was derailed, plunging into a flooded field. Nobody was injured, but the passengers and crew were marooned until the flood subsided.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Their many friends will be pleased to hear that a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Konya at 4 a.m. yesterday at the War Memorial Hospital. Both mother and child are doing well.

Invitations have already been sent out for President's Dance at the Craigengower Cricket Club which, as in former years, will be held on New Year's Eve. This affair is the most important item on the "social calendar" of the Happy Valley Club and is always very well attended.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro Jr., the well-known local solicitor, who has been confined to bed for some time, is making excellent progress, though it will be some time before he resumes his place in the office. He is connected with the firm of Messrs. D'Almada & Mason, Solicitors.

A cocktail party will be given by the Hong Kong Football Association in honour of Major C. M. Manners at the Sports Club tomorrow evening. Major Manners is the retiring chairman of the Football Association Council and will be proceeding home on long leave shortly. It is understood that Sir Thomas Southern, C.M.G., will be present at the function.

Mrs. Horace Lo, wife of the Chinese manager of the Mercantile Bank, is spending a holiday in Davos Platz, Switzerland, with her baby daughter. They will not be returning to the Colony until towards the end of 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cheung, who were married on November 27, last, at St. Paul's Church, have gone to Shanghai, where they will make their home. Mr. Cheung is the manager of the Kwong Ming Hot-water Flask Co., while Mrs. Cheung is the daughter of the late Mr. Lee Kan-ting of Sydney and Mrs. Lee.

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Preparatory Division
Ines Soares.—Honours.
First-Steps
Vivian Bull.—Certificate.

Mrs. H. Amman, wife of Mr. Amman of Messrs. Goeko and Co., has returned to the Colony from Germany where she spent an 18-month holiday. Mrs. Amman is well-known to music lovers, having figured prominently in the concerts at the Helena May Institute.

Mrs. R. Well, of "Alberose," Pokfulam, returned to the Colony last Friday after spending a short holiday in Japan.

One of the most popular of annual social functions, the Talkoo Ball, is to be held on Friday, January 17, starting at 9 o'clock. Everything points to the function being a greater success than ever, and those desirous of attending are early. They can be obtained from Mr. C. H. Summers, Hon. Secretary of the Ball, Talkoo Docks.

A tea dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-day at 4.30 p.m. A half-hourly bus service will operate during the afternoon.

The St. John Cup Sweep will be drawn this morning at 11 a.m., at the Kwant Race Course.

The Cheero Club are not holding a dance to-morrow, but instead there will be a whist drive, commencing at 8.30 p.m. There will be no whist drive next Tuesday. A Christmas party is being given by committees, helpers and friends of the Club there on Christmas night commencing at 7 p.m. All Servicemen will be most welcome at the party.

It is notified for general information in the Government Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has given permission for fireworks to be let off under the usual restrictions between 11.45 p.m. on December 31 and 12.15 a.m. on January 1, 1936.

A Gazette notification states that the Basel Mission Chapel, known as the Chung Chin Self-supporting Church, has been licensed for the celebration of marriages.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturday, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The Christmas Vacation will begin on the 24th instant and terminate on January 1, 1936, both days inclusive.

A mixed doubles lawn tennis tournament, for members and subscribers only, will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

A minor amendment to the Factories and Workshops Ordinances No. 27 of 1932 is published in the Government Gazette.

The name of Mr. Henry Wong has been added to the register of chemists and druggists in the Colony.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Christian Science Lecture advertised to take place last Friday has been postponed to-morrow, at 9.15 p.m. at the Peninsula Hotel.

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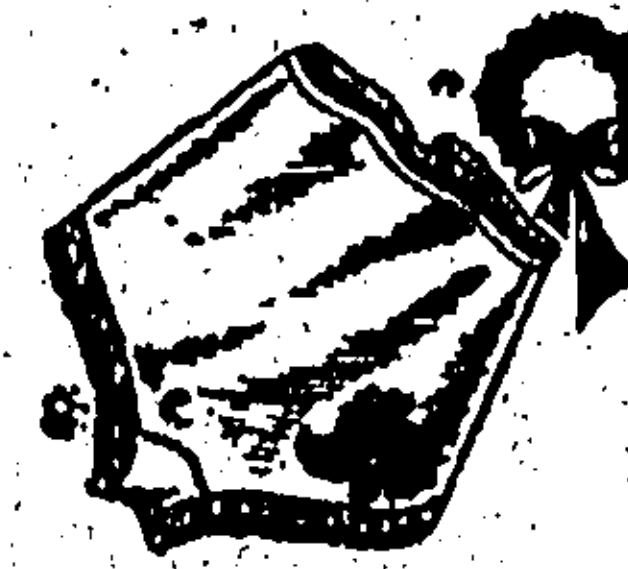
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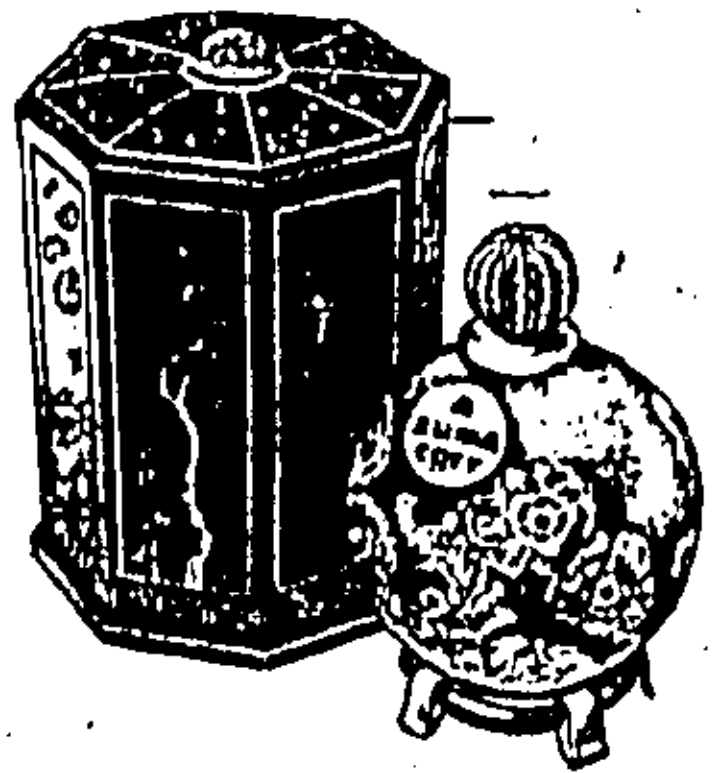
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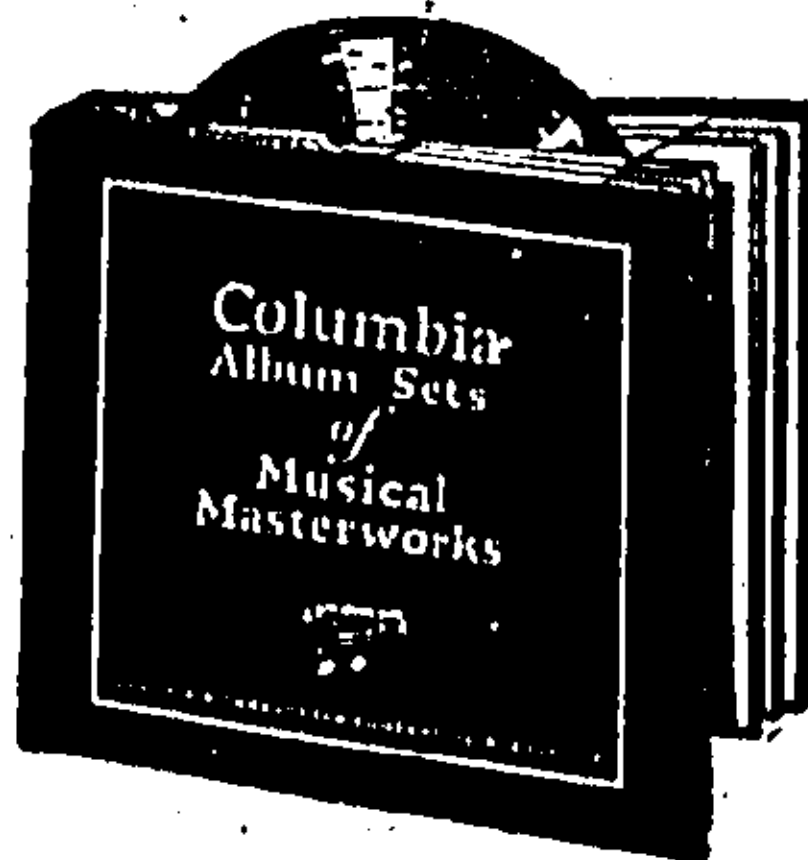
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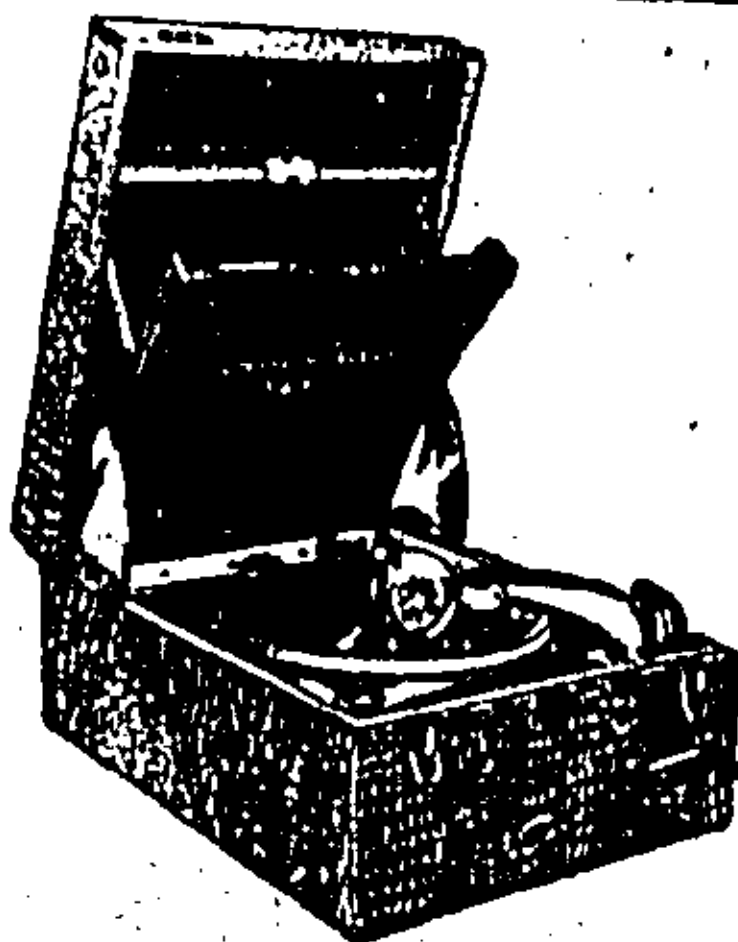
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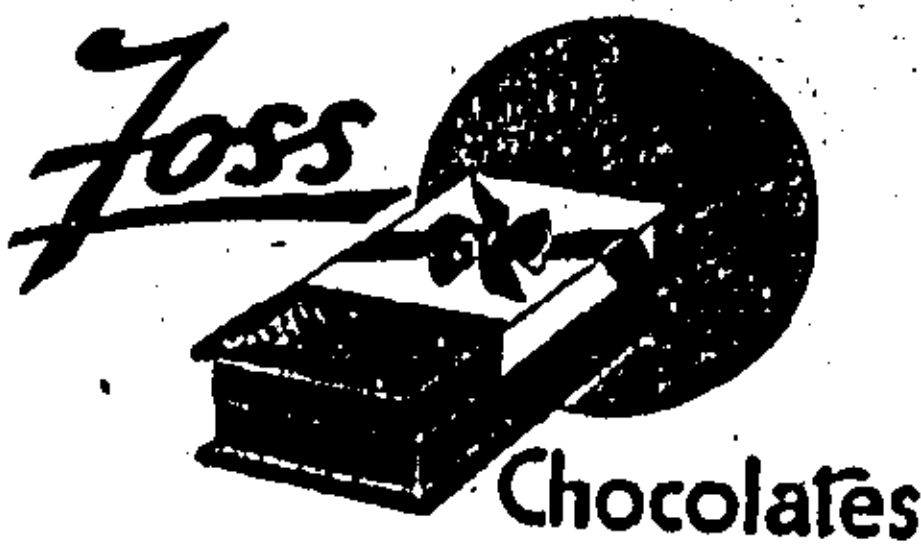
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Bubonic Plague

THERE is no maxim better established than that prevention is better than cure. We have an arrangement that ensures the notification of outbreaks of plague and other communicable diseases at the various big ports, and we all know the discomforts of quarantine and disinfection, to say nothing of the loss of passenger traffic and trade when they are imposed. Of these diseases perhaps the most easily communicable is bubonic plague. There is none in which timely precautions are more effective. It is therefore not in any panic-mongering intention that we draw attention to a distinct danger which may be overlooked till too late because it happens to be in the inland district of Lo Ting.

The district is on the Nam Hong Ho River, which is a tributary of the West River, and only one day's sail from Hong Kong. Our information is that there are thousands of deaths daily, and that there are no adequate means of dealing with the outbreak. There are no police to enforce segregation or to carry out disinfection. In case of panic there are no military forces to keep order. Most of the damage in these outbreaks is done in the early stages when panic sets in and people seek safety by flight. They scatter all over the neighbouring districts where it is impossible to trace them, till new outbreaks reveal where they have sought refuge.

Those who take a philosophical view of other people's troubles tell us that epidemics are one of nature's time-honoured methods of removing surplus population to leave room for those who survive. From that point of view no district could be more favourable to nature's purpose, for it is crowded with the casual coolie class of worker, and the standard industry is the making of mats. Mats travel to many destinations, and are ideal carriers of infection. Times have been bad, and taxation heavy, and a low level of physique is not only normal but more marked than usual after these years of disturbance.

It is natural that ports should be the first and worst affected regions when there is any epidemic floating around, and that not entirely because of the migrant population. It is notorious that "dockland" usually contains the worst slums and the most crowded tenements. Hong Kong is not by any means as bad as many, but when five families share "bed-space" in one room, we cannot afford to be complacent. It is at any rate a good thing to be prepared for whatever may happen, and particularly to make sure that there is a substantial stock of disinfectants on hand.

Bubonic plague was at the bottom of one of the unsolved mysteries of history, and Hong Kong is, or was, to some extent concerned, at any rate in popular gossip. When the army corps which was to be commanded by Lord Roberts was sent out to South Africa at the beginning of the Boer War, the date when the first battalions were to arrive was notified in the east-going custom of those days. They were to be disembarked at Durban. East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. Three days before the arrival of the transports "bubonic" broke out in all those ports, and on the same day. It was said to have been traced to the arrival of a ship from Hong Kong, where the plague was rampant at the time. But a ship can only arrive at one port on one day, and the ship from Hong Kong did not seem to explain everything. The matter would have rested at that but for a peculiar incident. As soon as the disease was reported the Health Department telegraphed orders for the purchase, with a view to tests for germs, of all the available phials which were used for the conveyance of specimens for examination and which were fitted with what were called "valvet corks" to prevent the escape of the germs. Every chemist that stocked that sort of thing had the same report to make—that he had none. They had sold their stock to a customer who had a slight foreign accent, and who bought all they had for cash, and took them away. He was not personally known to any of them, and the descriptions tallied, but were vague. For the next twelve months the detectives were trying to discover the unknown purchaser, and hotel visitors' books were diligently searched. Nothing was ever found out to justify the suspicion that there had been foul play, but the recent experiments in more than one country in the methods of spreading disease by germs as a weapon of war has made some people wonder whether the idea is as new as it is usually thought to be.

Hong Kong Personalities



DR. LI SHU-FAN

This is the seventy-third of the exclusive series of sketches of leading Colony residents by Mr. A. S. Kony, the talented Hungarian artist.

OUR Personality this week is Dr. Li Shu-fan, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. and H., F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) head of the Li Clinic.

Dr. Li who is a native of Hong Kong, was born in 1885, though no one would guess from his appearance that he has attained the mature age of 50 years.

Dr. Li received his early education at the Diocesan Boys' School and in Boston, U.S.A. In 1908 he graduated from the Hong Kong College of Medicine. Thereafter, with the view of furthering his studies, he proceeded to Europe under a Chinese Government Scholarship and enrolled himself at the University of Edinburgh.

In 1910 he obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and the following year his Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. After several years of medical practice he again went to Edinburgh in 1922, when he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Minister of Health Upon his first return to China in 1911, the year of the Chinese Revolution, when Canton was the capital of the Republic, he was appointed Minister of Health and when the seat of the Government was later transferred to Nanking, he remained in Canton and continued to serve as Commissioner of Health for the province of Kwangtung. Being the first Minister and Commissioner of Health in the history of the country, he naturally undertook stupendous pioneer legislation and organisation work.

Returning to the Colony in 1913 he commenced his medical practice here, which has continued up to the present time. From 1924 to 1925, however, he served a two years' contract in Canton, being engaged in the reorganisation of the Kung Yee Medical College, with a view to bringing it up to the University status. On the completion of that task he was appointed Head of the Kung Yee University Medical School as well as Professor of Surgery.

During this period a signal honour was bestowed upon him by his being appointed Medical Officer to the First President of the Republic, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who was then the Generalissimo, with headquarters in Canton.

Strikes Intermediary It was during the great strike of 1925 that he again returned to the Colony, and in this connection he acted as one of the intermediaries between the Hong Kong Government and the officials of Canton, at the special request of the then Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi. This helped in no small measure towards the settlement of the strike.

Once back in the Colony, he was largely responsible for the reorganisation of the Young Wo Hospital, Happy Valley, now known as the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital. This he completely reorganised, adding thereto a charity department for the poor and a training school for Chinese nurses and midwives. In 1932 the magnificent new hospital building of five storeys was completed, designed on the most up-to-date lines, and with the most modern equipment. He has now served the Hospital as Chairman of Directors for nine years.

He has been more than once elected as Vice-President of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine, as member representing South China, and served as Vice-President of the National Chinese Medical Association from 1926 to 1934.

Incidentally also it may be mentioned that he is President of the Chinese Euro-American Returned Students' Union.

Dr. Li's hobby is game shooting; every week-end being spent in the company of his gun and his dogs. For close on 30 years he has been shooting in various parts of the Colony, including the islands, and knows practically every nook and corner where game is to be had.

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A RISE in profits of over \$150,000 for last year was reported to the shareholders of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., at the annual meeting, held yesterday, by the Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, who attributed the larger profits to the comparatively high rates of exchange prevailing during the financial year, which resulted in a substantial saving in expenditure.

The figure of gross profits stood at \$1,403,189.24, as compared with \$1,246,927.04 for the previous financial year, the net amount available for distribution amounting to \$921,425.26. A dividend of 50 cents per share was declared, and a sum of \$122,176 is being carried forward.

"The political situation in North China and the sudden shifting of the Chinese monetary system render it extremely difficult to gauge with any certainty events that are likely to take place in the near future, and through all these times of stress and uncertainty. In the course of the year the Board of Directors decided to purchase a new turbine of approximately 12,500 K.W. and a new boiler of approximately 100,000 lbs. capacity," the Chairman said in the course of his speech, adding: "The new machinery will be of the latest and most approved type for economical operation and will bring the total capacity of the Power Station to 80,000 K.W."

Mr. Kadoorie was supported by Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. da Roza, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. Felix A. Joseph, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, (Directors), Mr. D. W. Munton (Manager) and Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary).

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Chairman's Speech The Chairman, in his speech said: "The gross profit for the year amounted to \$1,403,189.24, as against \$1,246,927.04 for the previous financial year."

"After charging profit and loss account with Directors', Auditors' and Consultants' fees, interest, depreciation, etc., the net profit stands at \$919,910.07."

"The provision for depreciation amounts to \$442,869.04, as compared with \$395,100.11 for the preceding year."

"After allocating \$100,000 to Reserve for General Managers' Rights, we have a sum (inclusive of the \$101,607.19 brought forward from last year) of \$921,425.26 available for distribution. Your Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend at the rate of 50 cents per share, absorbing about \$799,250, and that the balance of about \$122,176 be carried forward."

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1933 to 1935 and as President of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association, Hong Kong branch, and also Vice-President of the Hong Kong University Medical Society.

Corps Surgeon He is an Honorary Director of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Tung Wah Hospital Advisory Board, a member of the Medical Board and member of the Sanitary Board. Early this year he was re-elected to serve a second term as member of the Sanitary Board. He is also a non-official Justice of the Peace.

In addition, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, and a life member as well as Corps Surgeon of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He served as member of the Sanitary Legislation Committee in connection with the reorganisation of the medical and sanitary services of the Colony and is at present a member of the Housing Commission of 1935.

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The Kowloon Football Club staged a wonderful comeback yesterday when they shared six goals with the South Wales Borderers in the Senior League after being three goals in arrears at half time. Ellis (in goal) and C. Pile were outstanding players in the Kowloon team, while Dowman, Moss and Simpson were the scorers.

The Combined Schools' XI recorded a meritorious win when they soundly defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club "A" Team by 5 wickets. A Prata, 40 and Mel Arculli 21 not out were top-scorers for the schoolboys.

The Radio Sports Club's first hockey defeat of the season resulted when they lost to the K.B.S.F.P.A. by the odd goal in three. Awtar Singh scored for the Radio in the first half while J. J. White and C. C. Francis netted for the Association.

Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Sharman, who are soon proceeding to India, were the guests of honour at a tea party given by the members of the Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club.

During the afternoon, an exhibition tennis match between S. A. Rumjahn and C. A. L. Rumjahn was played.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATION

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.

—MENCIVS.

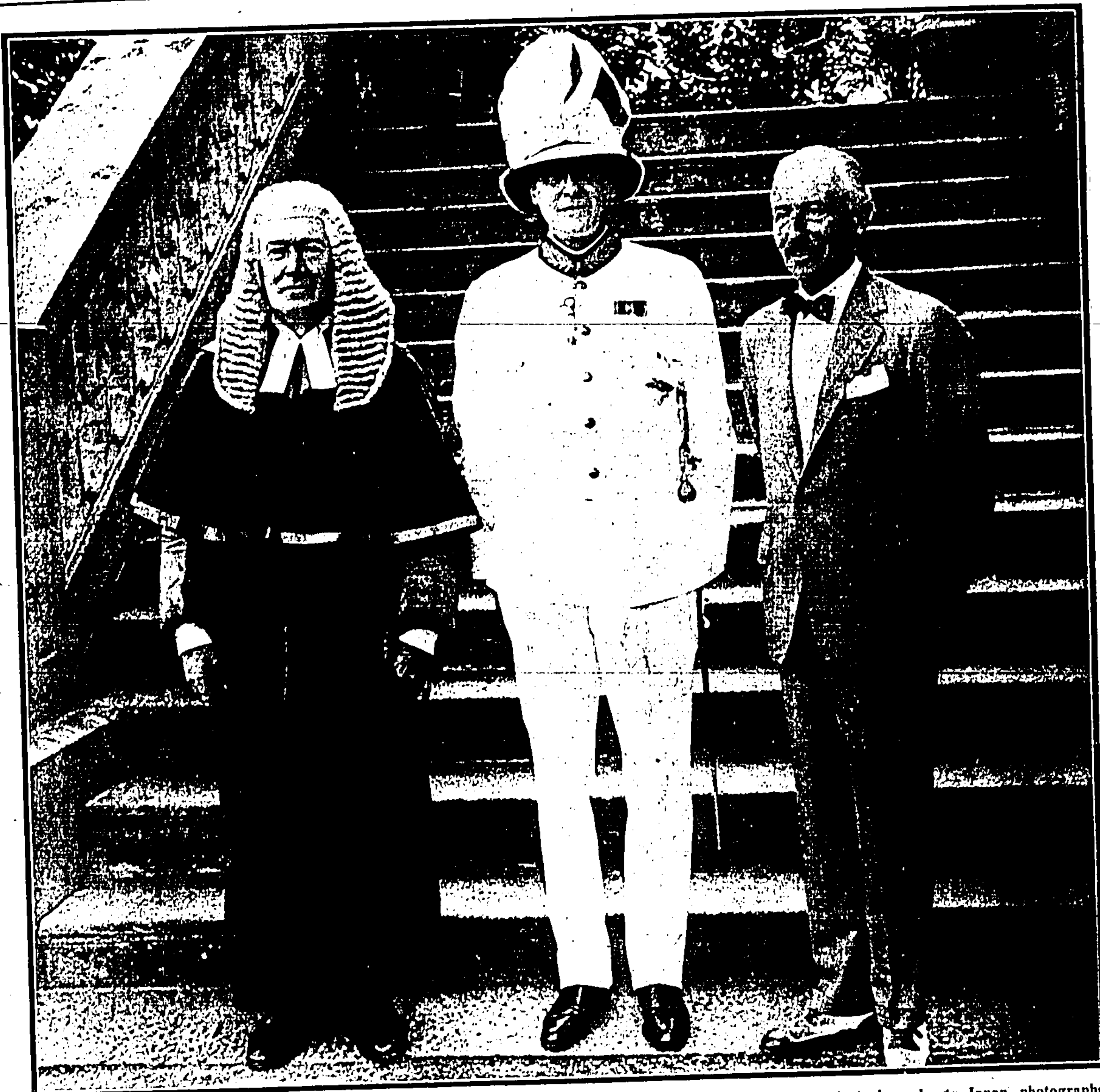
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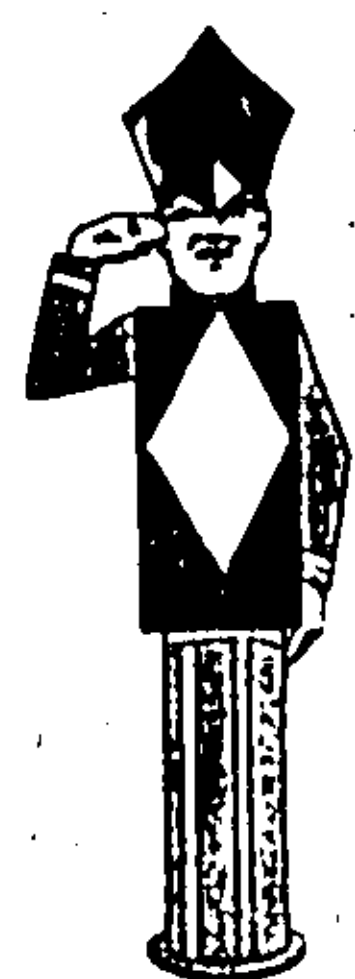
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The Story Of The Foundation Garment

IT was in the years between 1914 and 1920, when the world was preoccupied with war and its aftermath, that the corset died. Its death was such a lingering one that the demise went almost unnoticed save by the stylish stouts and the manufacturers. By 1925 the corset, that strait-jacket of sturdy fabric, whalebone, steel stays, and strong laces, was no more.

Whether the reducing craze, which at that time was second in fervour only to the bobbed hair craze, hastened its end or followed it in natural evolution no one can say. But women got slimmer and slimmer, and so did the corset makers' pocketbooks.

To-day the corset has, in a manner of speaking, been born again. It is now the foundation garment, and its only relationship to the corset of old is that it serves the old purpose of moulding its wearer's curves, or lack of them, to the fashion silhouette of the moment. Unlike its whalebone ancestor, it does this painlessly and perfectly.

Arduous Task

Twenty years ago donning her corset was the most arduous task a woman performed in the routine of getting dressed, especially if she were stout. Holding her breath, she would encase her body in the heavy sheath and begin to lace with vigour. It was not only in the comic cartoons that she lashed her laces to the bedpost and pulled in her corseted waist as many inches as pressure and the elasticity of the human frame would permit. Many a woman over forty will remember doing that very thing more than once.

One need be neither an acrobat nor a Spartan to put on the foundation garment of to-day. Even for ample figures proper foundations are light in weight, flexible of fabric, and almost always boneless. And while silhouettes have changed, women have discovered that the need for silhouette control has not. It is estimated that about 95 per cent. of all women wear a modern foundation of one type or another. Perfect figures are few, imperfect ones, necessitating either inflation or deflation of line, take to the foundation garment.

Modern Item

Out of the oblivion to which the old corset disappeared the present-day foundation garment has emerged to take its place as one of the most important items of the modern feminine wardrobe. Many of the style arbiters—the stylists, designers, and fashion writers—do more than concede that the new version of the corset is a most necessary article of apparel; the more exacting of them insist upon the need of a different foundation for each type of garment worn. They contend that the minimum foundation wardrobe for the well-groomed woman should

consist of at least four garments—a suit girdle, a sports girdle, an afternoon all-in-one, and an evening all-in-one. Women not interested in sports might manage with three, but, say they, four would be better.

Various Styles

Since the hang of a suit skirt can make or mar the success of that costume, the experts feel that any woman who fancies suits will appreciate the necessity of the suit girdle that makes the skirt and waist foundation. The sports girdle emphasises abdominal support that is snug but not hampering to freedom of movement and, incidentally, makes the sports costume look considerably smoother than it would if its wearer chose to go girdleless.

The foundations for afternoon or evening frocks usually include brassieres, so that bustline as well as hipline is regulated. It develops that a foundation may be one of several variations of some sort of a sheath for silhouette control. A girdle is one kind; it fits down snugly over the hips but extends no farther upward than the waist. A brassiere is then optional with the wearer, but no part of the girdle itself. The all-in-ones, as they are termed, are combinations of the girdle and the brassiere, sometimes with the latter entirely detachable or held to the lower piece with small suspenders. One-piece, all-in-one, or what have you, however, it is the garment that goes underneath everything else and serves as a foundation for the visible costume.

Utility Garment

In any case the foundation garment of to-day is an achievement of utility that boasts not only comfort but in many cases lingerie beauty. And therein lies one of the most interesting tales of modern fashion art.

Steel stays have disappeared completely. In lieu of hooks there are those ingenious modern fasteners that close or open with one efficient yank. For the "out size," the woman of large proportions that are particularly difficult to mould into anything resembling the streamlined silhouette, bone stays may be used, but this is the exception rather than the rule. The fabrics used, light in weight, attractive in colour, are a story in themselves. And in spite of these concessions to comfort and beauty the modern foundation garment accomplishes more in the way of figure moulding than the most unyielding of old-time corsets.

Fabric and cutting are the secrets of the success of the



Foundations are made for every type of figure. Designing a foundation garment on a model.

foundation garment. The modern figure must be achieved without binding, so flexibility is the keynote of construction. Curves must be controlled, but the medium of control must permit suppleness. The development of latex, the fabric that stretches two ways, has done more than anything else to lead to the solution of the foundation maker's problem.

Style Knowledge

More goes into the making of a modern foundation than the lay world dreams of. As in all production of wearing apparel, the makers must anticipate the general silhouette of the moment. They must know whether a spectacular style launched by some great creator will achieve popular acceptance. The style they recognise as being basically unsuitable or psychologically inopportune is not the one for which they prepare their foundation models.

The foundation designer must keep in touch with Paris, with the style influences of the stage and, more recently, of the motion picture industry, which appears to be making inroads on the fashion dictatorship of the French capital.

Once a sound style is launched, foundation garments must be prepared that will mould all figures—small, medium, or large; tall, average, or short—to lines generally harmonious with that silhouette. In recent years, for example, the corset designers have had to change their models frequently, following the pendulum of fashion as it swung from the flat, boyish contour of a few years ago to the natural lines of 1935.

To-day the bust is gently accentuated, the waistline defined, and the hipline trim. For the stout there must be "slenderising." The uplift brassiere was a natural foundation innovation with the return of the gently curved figure. Garters are flat and wafer thin.

Almost in Confidence

Prominent Singapore Visitors

WE have two interesting visitors here from Singapore at present, Miss Gracia Adla and Miss Anita Frankel, both of whom are very well known in Singapore society. They travelled together to Shanghai where they enjoyed a short stay, and now, on their way back, they are staying here for a month to enjoy all that a Hong Kong Christmas and New Year can offer.

Miss Naomi Joseph, who has the attractive Naomi Gown Salon, is a special friend of both Miss Adla and Miss Frankel. Miss Adla's grandfather, Mr. E. R. Bell, spent some years in Hong Kong and is well-known both here and in Singapore.

A dinner was given in honour of the two visitors by General Maurice Cohen, who has just returned to the Colony after spending six months in London. He was lucky enough to enjoy a trip back via America. Guests at the dinner were Mrs. R. Joseph, Miss Naomi Joseph and her two brothers, Mr. H. and Mr. E. Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. Odell.

Miss Joseph wore a simple and extremely smart black crepe frock with an Ascot tie cut in a graceful cape effect. The frock was decorated with tiny gold sequins. The lovely black velvet coat she wore was a model taken from the film "In Caliente." Miss Frankel wore an attractive black tulle gown trimmed with lace, and Miss Adla was in a flowered chiffon of intricate cut.

Local Women Censors

WE all know the disappointment of a bad film! Well, Mr. Noronha, the manager of the Queen's Theatre, has a new idea which he hopes will save us from having that experience. It really isn't a new idea away from Hong Kong though, as it has worked in America for some time.

What he hopes to do is to form a committee of women from the different local women's organisations, for the purpose of previewing the films he considers showing here. This women's committee will help him to decide whether a film will be of interest locally; on the other hand, should they think it undesirable, they will have the power to veto it. It is an admirable idea; we shall be sure then of entertainment that can be offensive to no part of our community. So often a film is a great success in one part and a flop in another; only a group of local residents can, after all, decide which films will appeal to all of us out here.

Back From Addis Ababa!

I discovered this week that we have someone in Hong Kong who has actually lived in Abyssinia. Miss Ness, however, is so modest that she has strictly forbidden me to mention the fact.



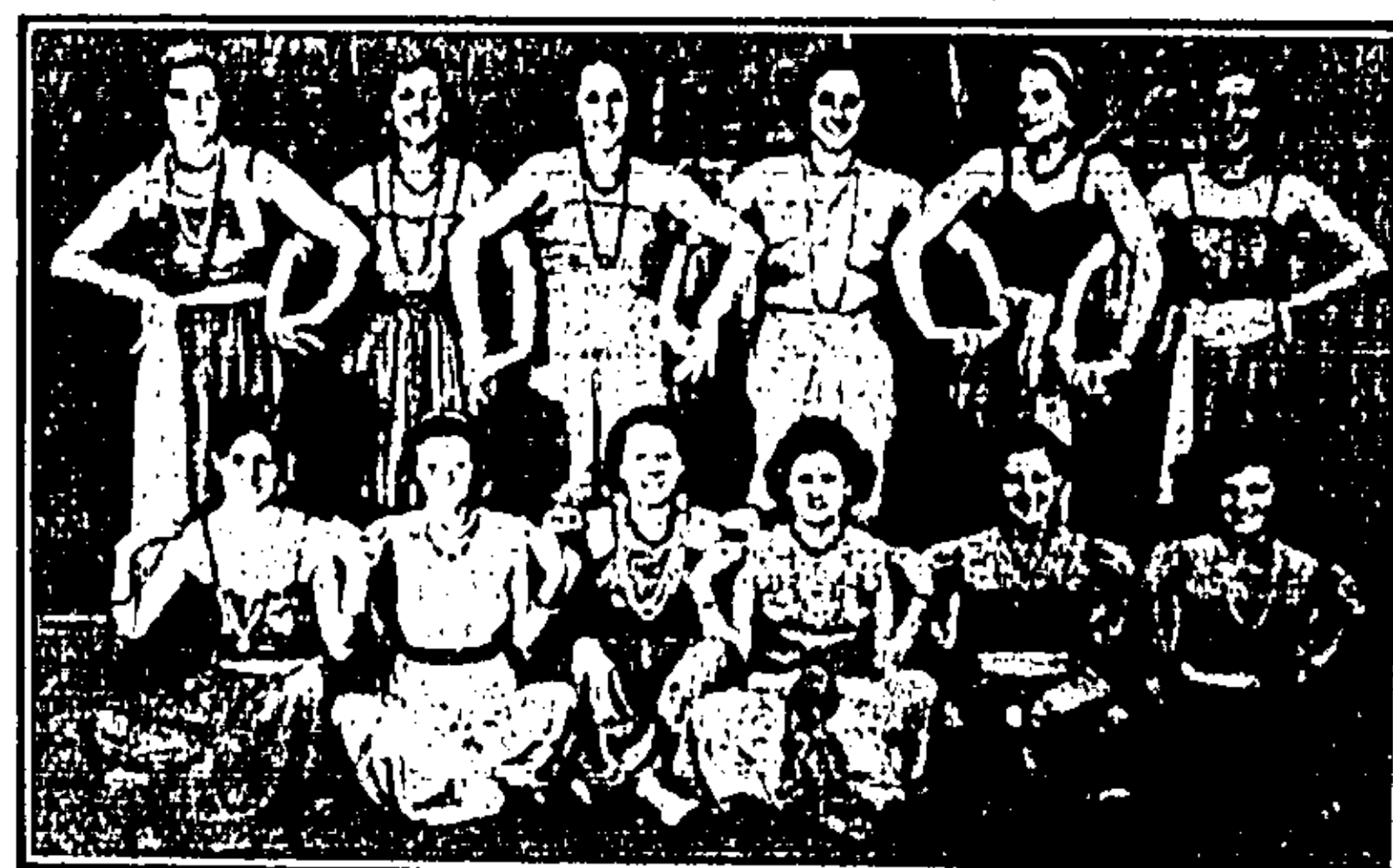
Messrs. A. Sommerfelt and D. L. Prophet, above, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis's staff, supervise the cash sweeps at the Jockey Club. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

(Left)—Miss Noreen Cooper, who was most successful in the part of "Alice Fitzwarren" in the Y.M.C.A. Christmas Pantomime, "Dick Whittington and His Cat." Below—The chorus of Nautch Girls in the same show. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

last Sunday morning for the entertainment of the officers and sailors off the French warship Primauguet. The French Consulate here had arranged the entertainment, and all the members of the local French community were invited.

Looking down from upstairs, the theatre appeared like a field of red poppies: just a mass of little red pom-poms met the eye. The film, "La Crise est Finie," starring Albert Prejean, who made his name in Reno Clair's films, was light and amusing, besides being pleasantly musical.

—PHILIPPA.



Miss Stella Best performed a brilliant dance with Mr. George Gonchoroff at the "Y" Pantomime. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

time was in Addis Ababa, to which she longs to return. In fact, although a widely-travelled woman, she declares she likes Abyssinia better than any other country she has ever lived in! Addis Ababa, she says, has a lovely climate; the people, too, are attractive and pleasant.

Everything was, of course, more primitive in those days. There weren't even any motor-cars. She liked that though, being one of these happy people who can enjoy a 'trek' across the country lasting for days.

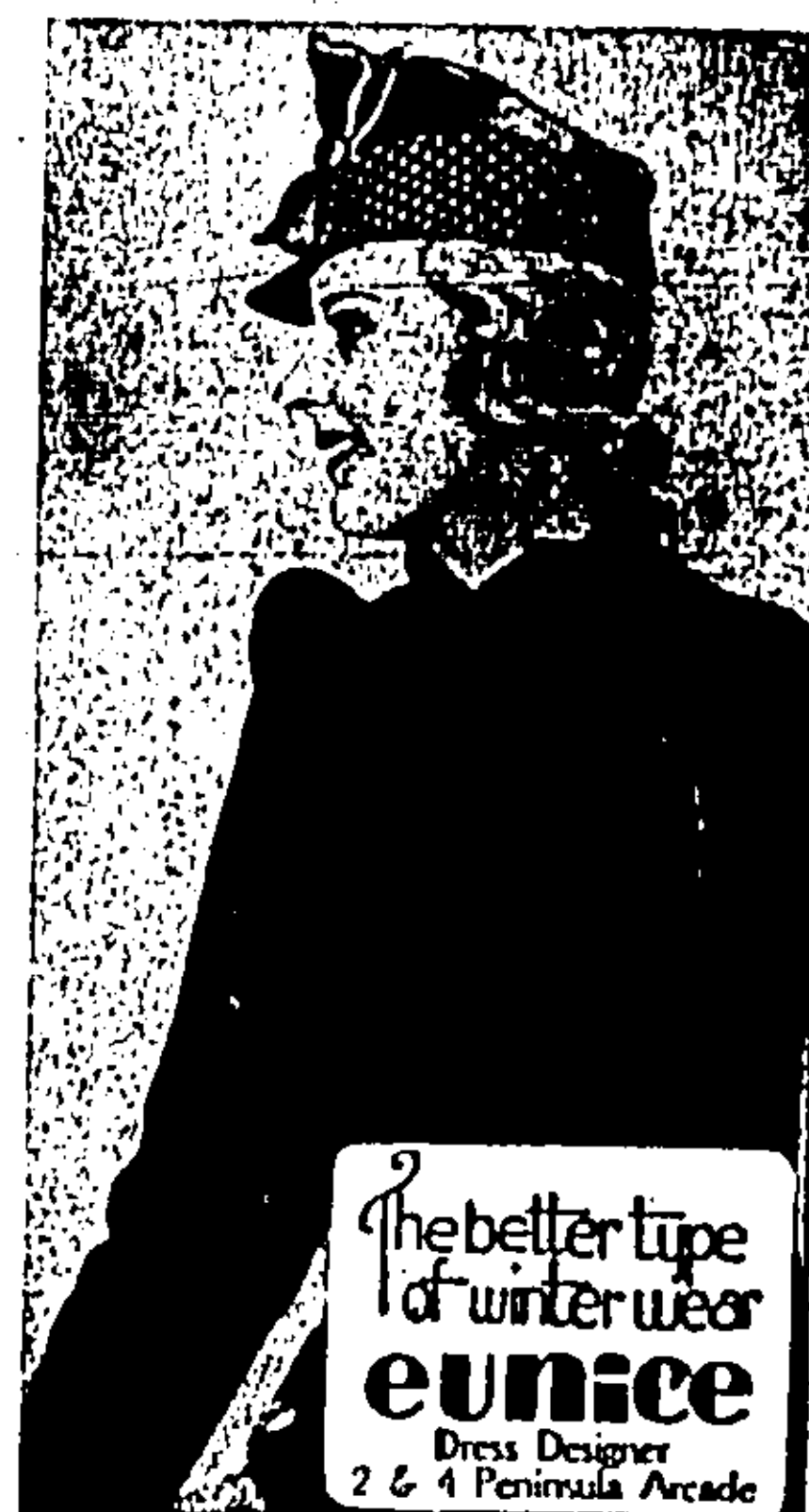
Annual Dinner At Helena May

THE members of the Helena May Council and some of the Committee gave a dinner last Monday evening for the residents at the Institute. This dinner is a much-looked-forward-to annual event which is always given just a little while before Christmas. This year it was most enjoyable and went with a "bang," as one of the American ladies present expressed it.

There was a large gathering, as, besides the Council of 24 members, there are some twenty women living at the Helena May.

French Sailors Entertained

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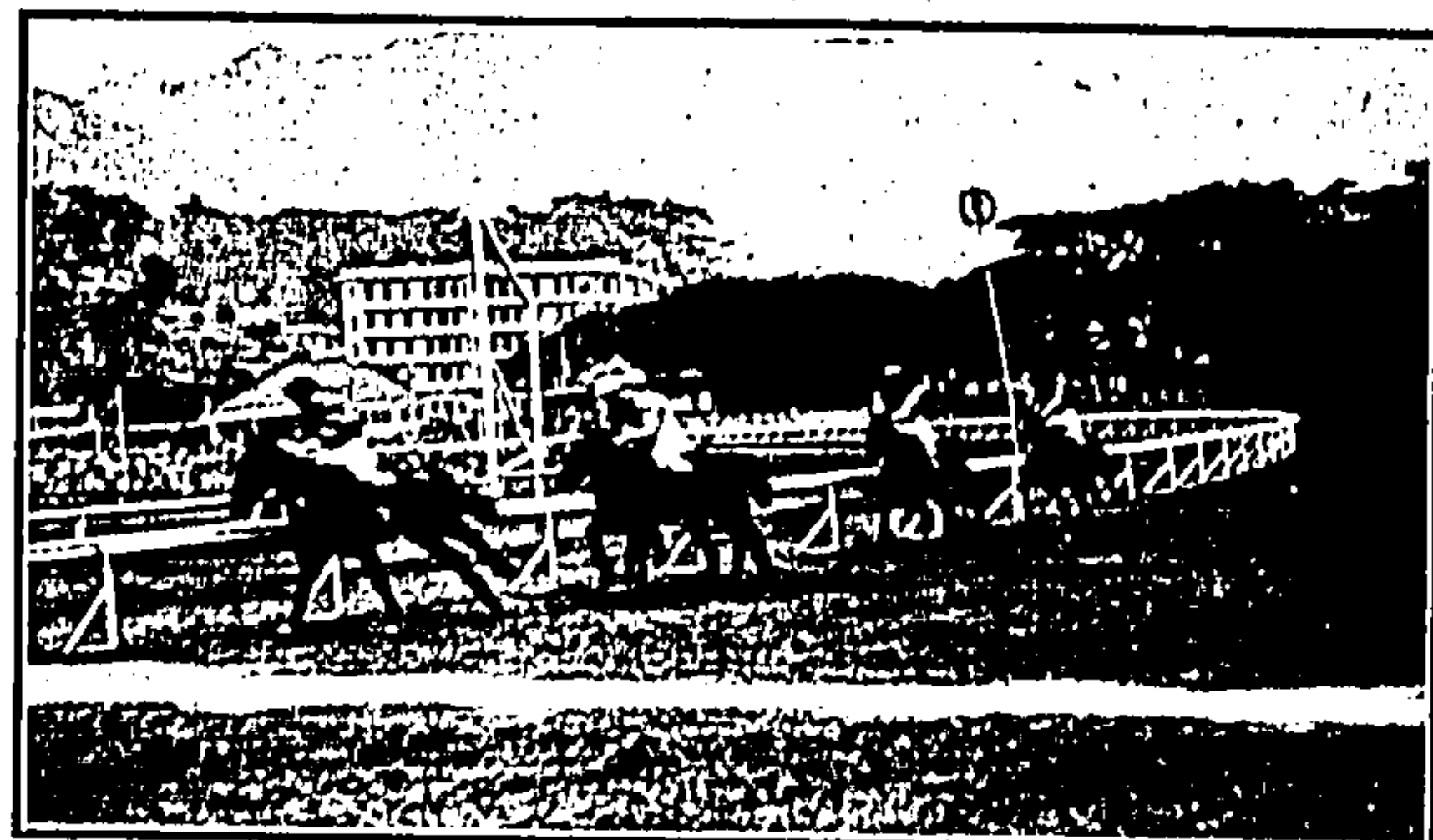
Mr. Fatsan's Able Amazon (Mr. Frost) being led in after winning the Queensland Autumn Champions last Saturday. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Mr. Helenside's Valorous (Mr. Frost) being led in after winning the Tardy Handicap last Saturday. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Mr. Rojon's Flybynight (Mr. Cheape) being led in after winning the Dilatory Handicap last Saturday. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Mrs. Pearce's Wadebridge, the winner, leading the field in the Hong Kong Autumn Sub-Griffins' Champions last Saturday. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Sir William Shenton, foreground, Bishop R. O. Hall, extreme right, and Dr. MacGown, second from left, pictured at the opening of the new Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Six members of the Club de Recreio Ladies' seven-a-side hockey team. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



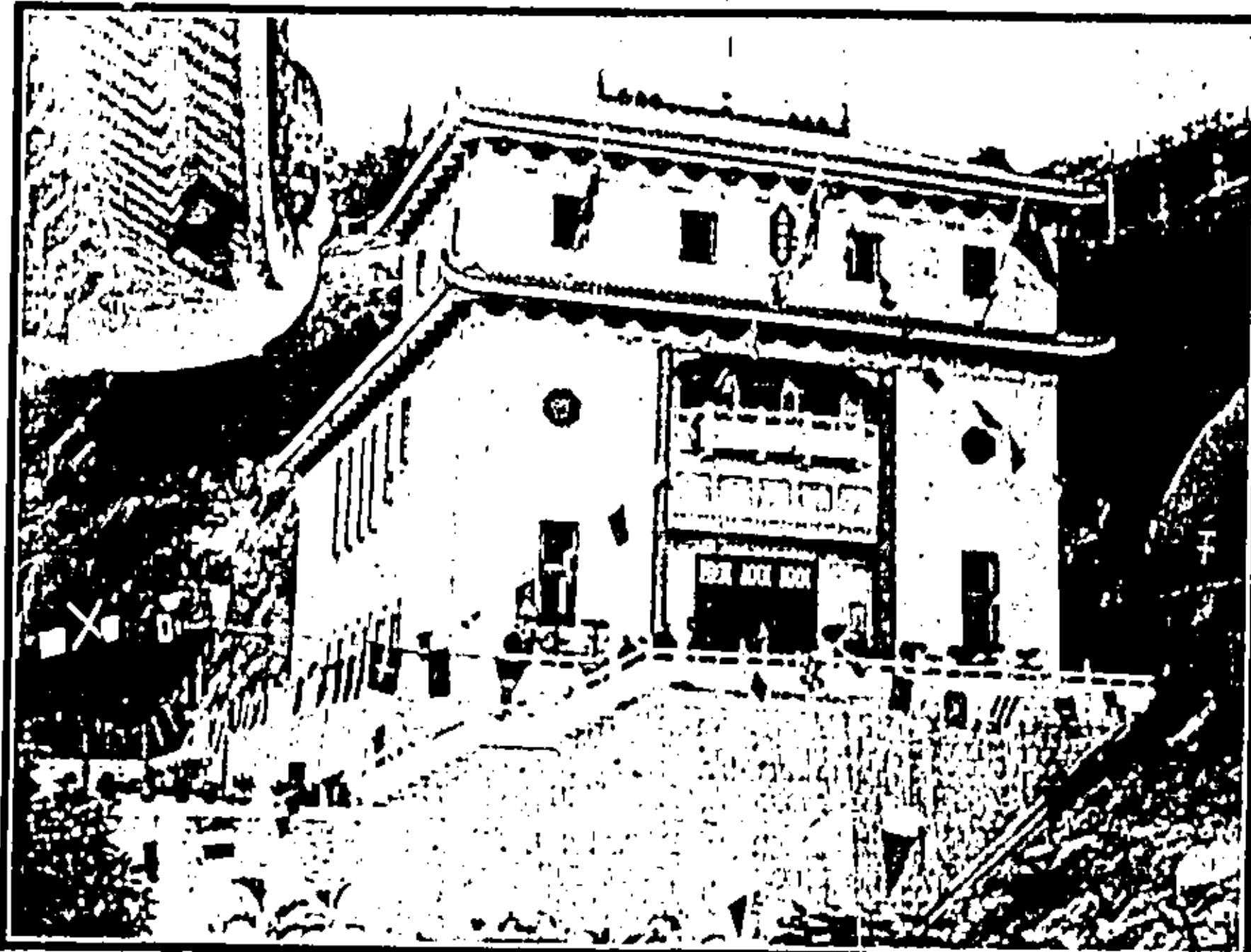
Lee Wai-long, the South China player, about to snap up a through pass in the Senior Shield match against the Athletic last Sunday. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



A view of the Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C., camp at Fanling. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Members of the Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C., photographed near their camp at Fanling. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



A view of the new Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, which was opened on Tuesday, December 10. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith opening the doors of the new Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



A tussle for the ball during last Sunday's Ladies' Interport Hockey Trial. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

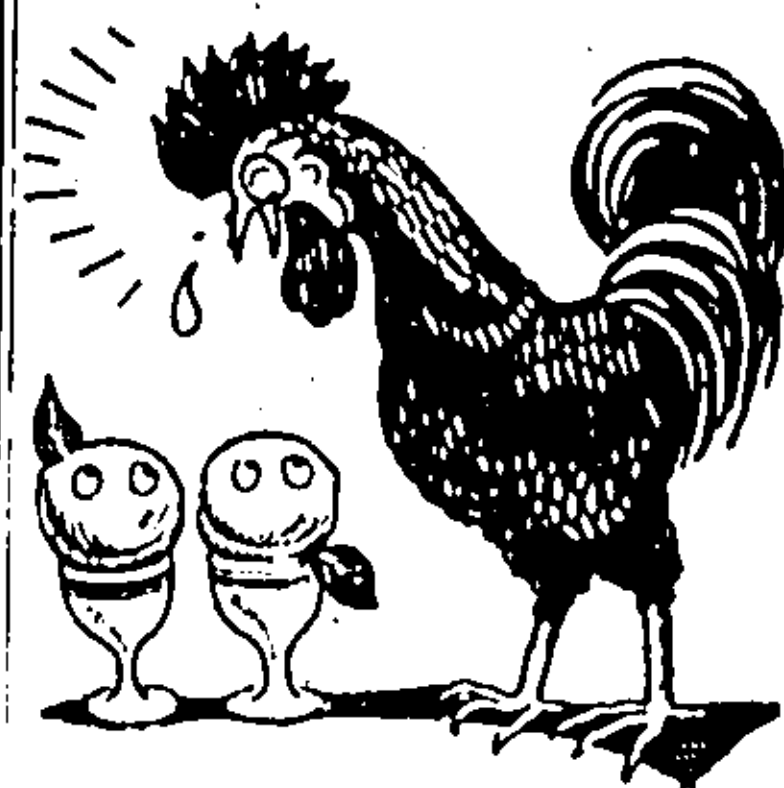


Badminton has caught on at the Recreio, judging from this group of lady players. ("Sunday Herald" photo).



Miss E. Xavier is here seen holding up the Dalsiel sisters during last Sunday's Ladies' Hockey Interport Trial at King's Park. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

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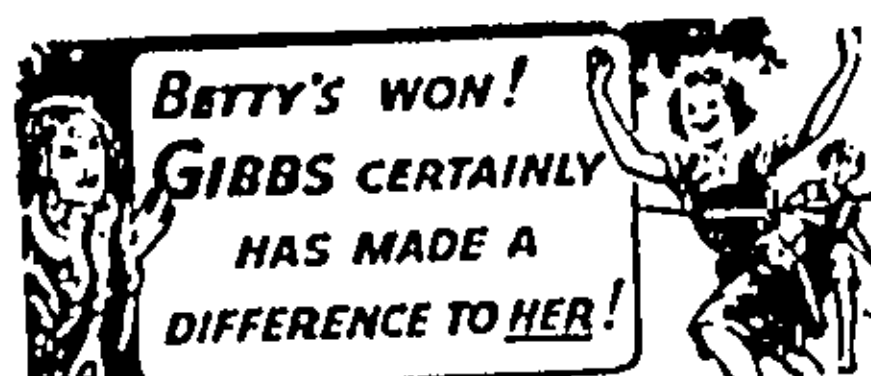
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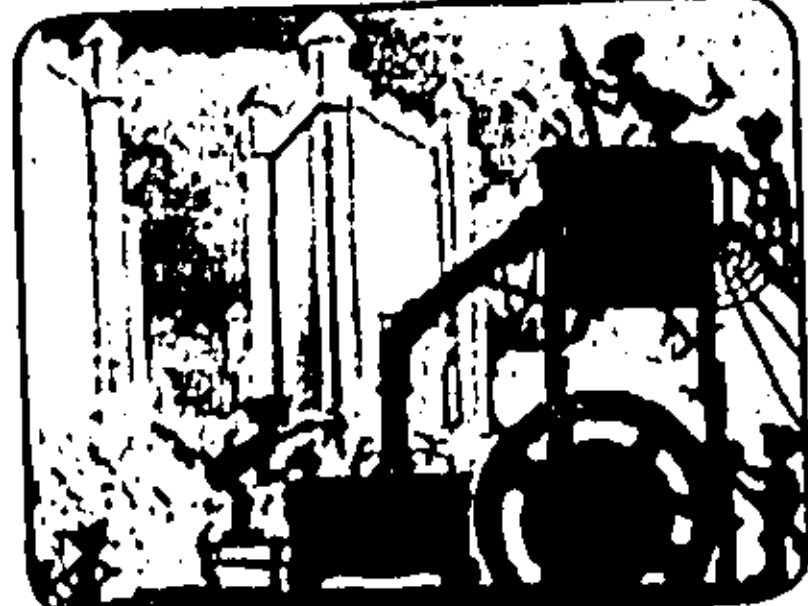
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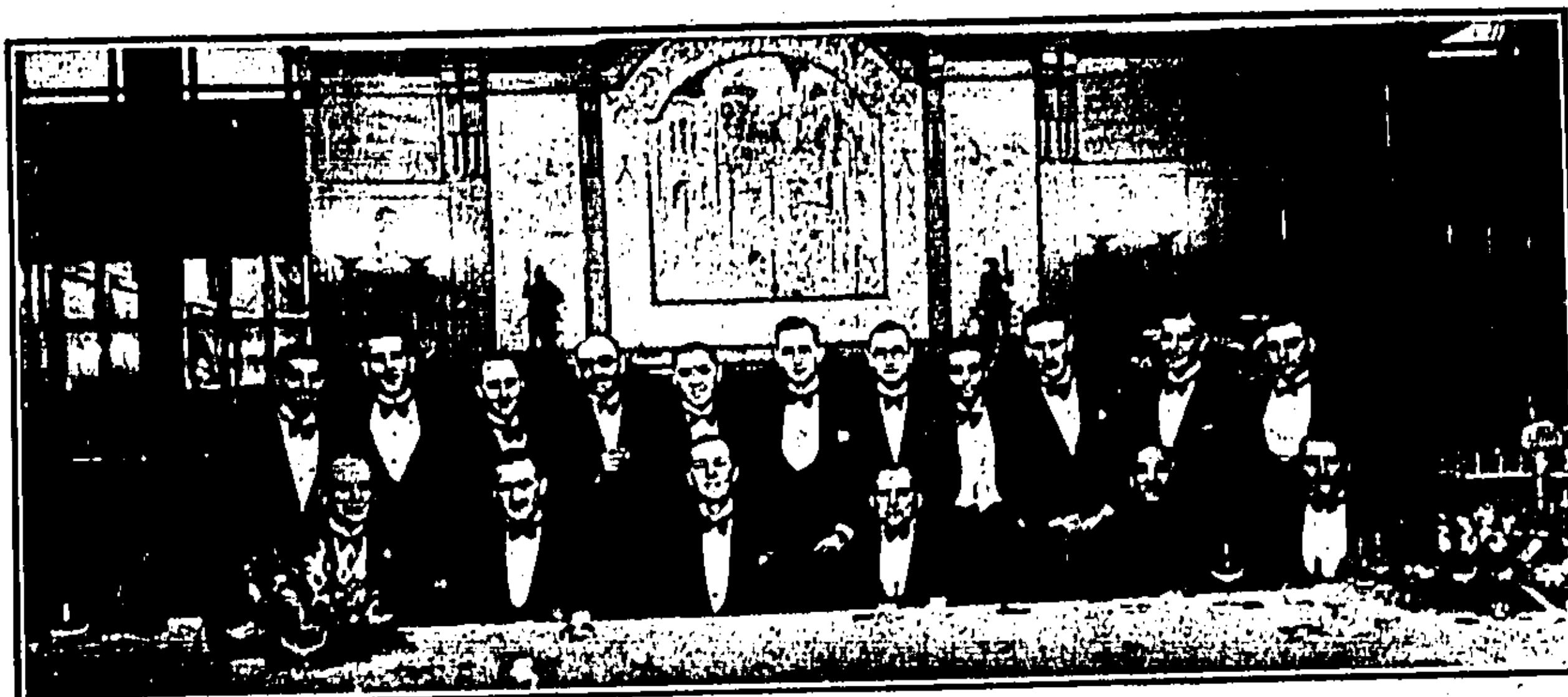
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About TOWN



A photograph taken at the annual agency dinner of the Field Staff of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company at the Hong Kong Hotel in honour of the visit of two officials, Mr. K. G. McNab and Dr. H. C. Cruikshank from Toronto, Canada.

HONG KONG is like most of the places that from the English point of view are "out of the way". We find that there are many sections that celebrate different "festas" and we promptly adopt the lot. In that we are more o'd-fashioned than most communities, but none the less sensible for that. For there is nothing more sure than that festivals answer to some need deep down in our consciousness that calls for occasional breaks in our routine. It may be rather pedantic to quote from such authorities as the "efficiency experts", but they are at any rate up-to-date, and the result of close observations of all manner of workers is that it is monotony that kills. Give the factory hands an occasional stoppage, and an occasional "bean-feast", and the quality and quantity of output soon makes up for "broken time". There have been many theories to account for the lack of effective progress that is so surprising in China to anyone who sees the enormous and unremitting industry of the people. It is as likely as not that one of the main causes is they do not have enough "breaks". The weekly Sunday alone must make an enormous difference.

The Birthday Of Confucius
HERE we had the streets be-lagged last year for the birthday of Confucius; in Canton the victory of modernism had at the first opportunity suppressed that celebration. A visiting Australian was enormously

struck with the fact that after a period of two and a half millenniums that day should still be kept up. He took photos of the display of flags, and the crowds in the streets, for a Sydney paper and said he was going to recommend that his own people should note the continuity for future use in their own festivals, and make sure that they kept them up as long.

The idea of writing for the benefit of the Australians of two thousand years hence interested me, and I remarked that it was a great thing to live for the future. "At present" he said, "there's nothing else to live for." "At any rate," I suggested, "if you concentrate on Christmas you will only have five hundred years to bother about."

Is Christmas Pagan?

THE day has been celebrated more or less, and in different ways, for nearly the whole time. Antiquarians are of opinion that it was only fixed for the 25th of December and made a religious day about the third century, though of course as the Winter feast, the day of Saturn who reigned over a mankind that had no classes and no laws, for the simple reason that none were necessary, its history is much longer. The peculiarity of these festivals and old institutions is that they seem to have a life of their own, which is stronger than any attempt at regulation or alteration. "Redeunt Saturnia regna" is the spirit of Christmas to-day—the old must play

as if they were young, the squire must lead off the dance with the housekeeper, and his wife with the butler. All the ordinary cast-iron routine must be thrown aside, and everyone don the badge of free speech in the fool's cap. Surely it is a festival that ought either to be kept in its own spirit or not at all, and it is very difficult to think of a true Christmas unless children are the soul of the party. Here in Hong Kong last year I saw a show of vulgarity that seemed to me almost a blasphemy. It was a Christmas party for adults with comic hoaxes, such as shabby old shoes on the tree. Horrible!

The Scots Rebellion

WHATEVER Scotland may owe to the Reformation, it did not owe it any increase of gaiety. Among the other protests against the o'd ways from which the country was reacting, one of the most regrettable was the rejection of Christmas on the ground that it was "Papist". The New Year festival was as a matter of fact worse, for it was frankly pagan, like all the other festivals of the seasons. Gradually Hogmanay with its Bacchanalia has supplanted the family gathering, and the substituted celebration is spent in recovering from "a braw bricht nicht".

The English Christmas

IN its form as known to the older generation the Christmas celebrations owe a great deal to Charles Dickens, who in his "Christmas Carol" showed more than in anything else he wrote his deep sympathy with the national instincts that know neither time nor place. There had been a Puritan movement to suppress Christmas on the ground that it was German and pagan—especially the lighted tree and the jovial Santa Claus.

Now in Germany the "National German Church" is following the lead of Marshal Ludendorff in opposing the festival on the ground that it is Christian and therefore Semitic, and non-Aryan. Why cannot people just enjoy themselves in their own way and leave others to do the same?

—COMMENTATOR.



The new dance band at the Lido Dance Hall, Des Voeux Road, is both enthusiastic and popular, judging from the above picture taken by a "Sunday Herald" staff photographer.

TAKE BOVRIL OR TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES

Sports Chatter

Bowls Tour of Somerset

ARRANGEMENTS are being made at the Kowloon B.G.C. for two bowls rinks to tour the Clubs in Somerset next August. The rinks will be made up of members on leave at that time, and, as quite a few bowlers will be at Home then, it is expected that two fairly good rinks will be available.

Among those who have signified their intention of participating are D. W. Waterton and J. L. Tetley, the hon-secretary and hon-treasurer of the Club, respectively.

Loss To Local Baseball

FOLLOWERS of baseball will regret the departure of Mr. Merritt N. Cotes, the American Vice-consul, who has been transferred to Manila. Mr. Cotes was to a very large extent responsible for the revival of the local baseball league last season and played for the local Americans at third base. He was also a keen yachtsman and took an active interest in all the Yacht Club regattas.

Though Mr. Cotes has now left the Colony, it is to be hoped that the baseball clubs will get together early this season and continue the league. The responsibility of starting the league this season will no doubt rest to some extent on Mr. O'Keeffe of the Chase Bank and Mr. Kenneth Noble of the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office.

Matty Chang has always taken a great deal of interest in local baseball, and it is certain that he will give every assistance.

Sportsman To Wed.

P. B. ALLEN, whose forthcoming marriage was announced last week, is one of the keenest members of the Victoria Recreation Club. He is a keen carman and has participated in all their rowing regattas. He also represents the V.R.C. in the badminton league. A good cueist, Allen played for the St. Patrick's Club in the Steel, Coulson's Billiards League when they won the championship.

F.A.'s New Rule Unsatisfactory

THE Football Association rule forbidding any player who has played in a Senior game to take part in the Junior Shield requires alteration, and the matter should be brought up at the earliest opportunity. As the rule now stands an overwhelming advantage is given to Service teams, as they have more men to choose from than civilian Clubs.

Back Back In Colony

C. BECK, the Colony fast bowler, who was transferred from the Colony to Manila over a year and a half ago, arrived back for a short holiday last Monday. He is spending Christmas here before returning to the Philippines.

Randa's Triumphant Return

S. RANDALL, who skipped the S. victorious Hong Kong rink at Wanstend, is now on his way back to Hong Kong, and will be able to tell former unsuccessful representatives "how it was done."

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Omar Rumjahn's Visit

OMAR RUMJAHN, who won the Open Doubles Tennis Championship with "H.D." some years ago, and who has since won the Tientsin singles crown on many occasions, intends paying a visit to the Colony early next year. It is rumoured that he hopes to take part in the next H.K.C.C. Open Championships.

I.R.C. Lady Tenn's Players

ALTHOUGH they depended mainly on the help of non-Indian lady players in the past, the Indian Recreation Club contemplates entering the next Mixed Doubles Tennis League with players drawn from members of their own community. There are a few promising lady players who are putting in a lot of practice with Miss Rose Rumjahn.

Riding Preferred to Hockey

M. C. L. GREGORY, the former Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven custodian, has abandoned the game in favour of riding. He is now a prominent member of the Shatin Equine Club and a keen rider to the hounds.

Mr. K. R. Alera, the Club "A" fifteen rugby full-back, has left the Colony for the north on a business trip.

Football Official's Return

MR. R. HALL, former Vice-President of the Hong Kong Football Association and Chairman of the Kowloon Football Club, returned to the Colony recently. He has already resumed his interest in soccer by attending the week-end games.

Jack Rodger As Spectator

JACK RODGER, former captain of the Hong Kong Hockey Club, who returned from long leave recently, will not be seen for the Club first eleven until probably the middle of next month as he has not touched a hockey-stick for well over nine months and is sadly out of practice.

Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium

THE small gymnasium which is now being fitted out for the Y.M.C.A. in the swimming bath dressing room, should be ready for use at the beginning of the new year, when the horizontal bars, now being made by the Kowloon Docks, are completed and installed. In addition to this there will be the usual punch-ball and bag, weight-lifting, a rowing machine and other wall exercises.

By the Judge

Oliveira In Shanghai

OLIVEIRA, the Colony and University hockey player, is spending a short holiday in Shanghai before returning for next year's term at the Hong Kong University.

Ferguson Forsaking Rugby

J. J. FERGUSON, who only returned from leave last Thursday week by the Carthage and who played his first game of Rugby against the Navy "A" last Saturday, has definitely decided to give up the game as his left-knee is again causing him anxiety.

McLellan Injured

MCLELLAN, the "Y" hockey player, was recently injured in an inter-school soccer match, when he badly twisted his ankle. I.R.C. Bowler Due For Leave

WHEN the next lawn bowls season comes round the Indian Recreation Club will be without the services of their champion, D. M. Khan, who, it is understood, will be proceeding to India on long leave in the very near future.

LAWN BOWLS is again under way at the United Services Recreation Club, a game being played there last Saturday.

Broker-Cricketer

C. A. L. RICKETT, the secretary of the Sharebrokers' Association, is a very keen cricketer. He plays for the C.S.C.C. second eleven, and, whenever possible, arranges friendly matches for the Brokers against second division Clubs.

S. H. Ismail's Return to Cricket?

IT is understood that S. H. ISMAIL, who was one of the best batsmen at the Indian Recreation Club some years ago, intends returning to the game. He used to play a very good game of tennis as well with Arthur Rumjahn as his partner he reached the quarter finals of the Open Doubles Championship.

New Player for K.B.G.C.

A new member of the K.B.G.C. and one who is likely to prove a distinct acquisition to the team next year, is J. Walker. He learned to bowl at Home, and is considered an accomplished player.

SPORT PERSONALITIES V.



Mr. Wong Ka-tsun has been Hon. Secretary of the South China Athletic Association since 1924, and though he used to take a very active interest in soccer and tennis in his younger days, he now devotes most of his time to the "executive side" of sport, mainly because his eyesight has been such that he is now forced to use glasses all the time. He represented the S.C.A.A. on the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association in 1930 and 1931 and again in 1934 and 1935. Mr. Wong travelled with the Chinese contingent to the Ninth Far Eastern Olympic Games that were held in Tokyo in 1930 in the capacity of swimming coach, while in the Tenth Olympic Games in Manila last year he was coach to the Chinese football eleven. In the National Meet he'd recently in Shanghai, Mr. Wong was the Assistant Chief Delegate from Hong Kong, and also the football coach.

Mr. Wong still indulges in a friendly tennis match occasionally, while he spends a lot of his spare time during the summer months at the South China Athletic Association's bathing pavilion at North Point, where he is always very quick at "spotting any promising talent."

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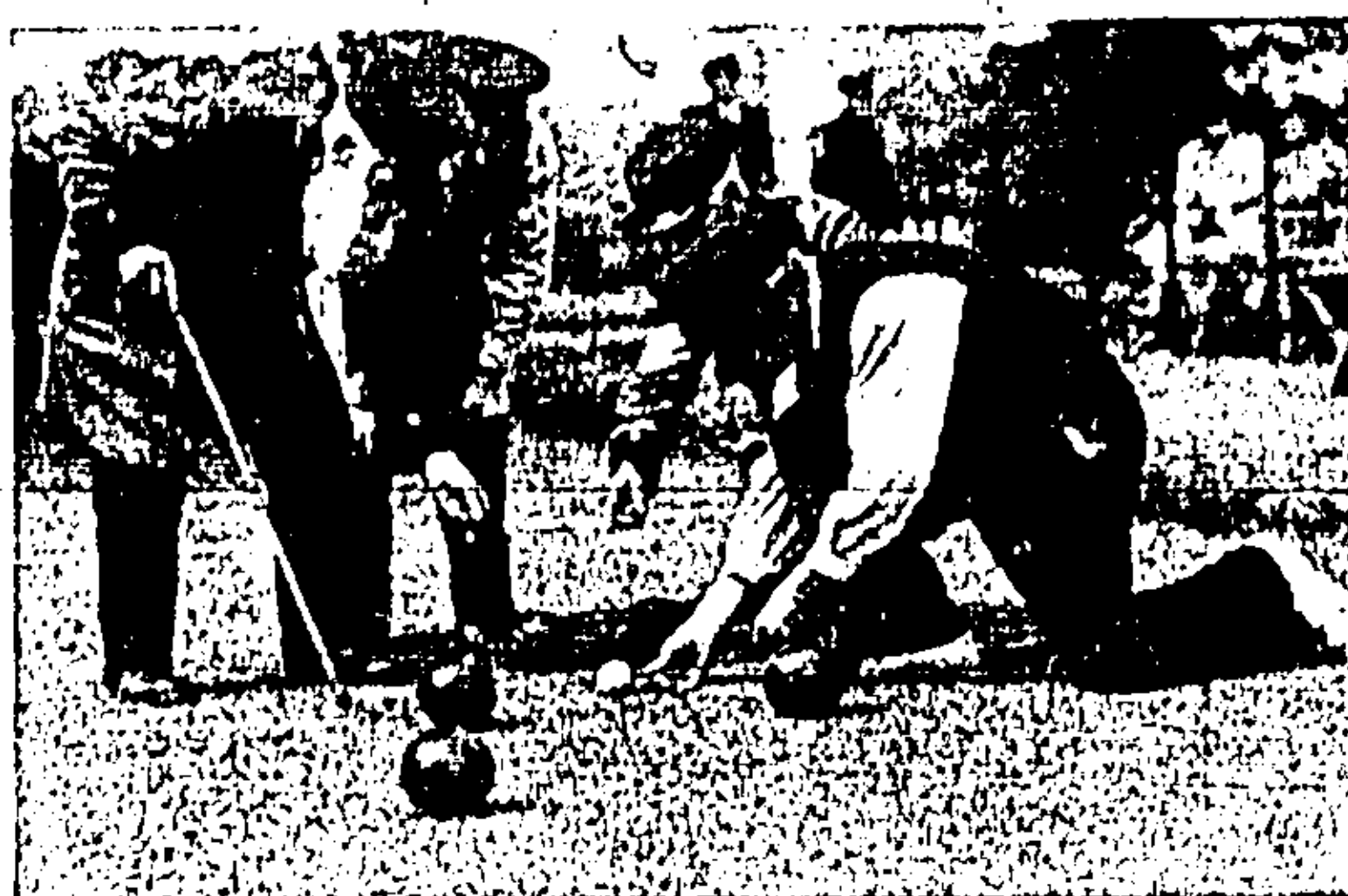
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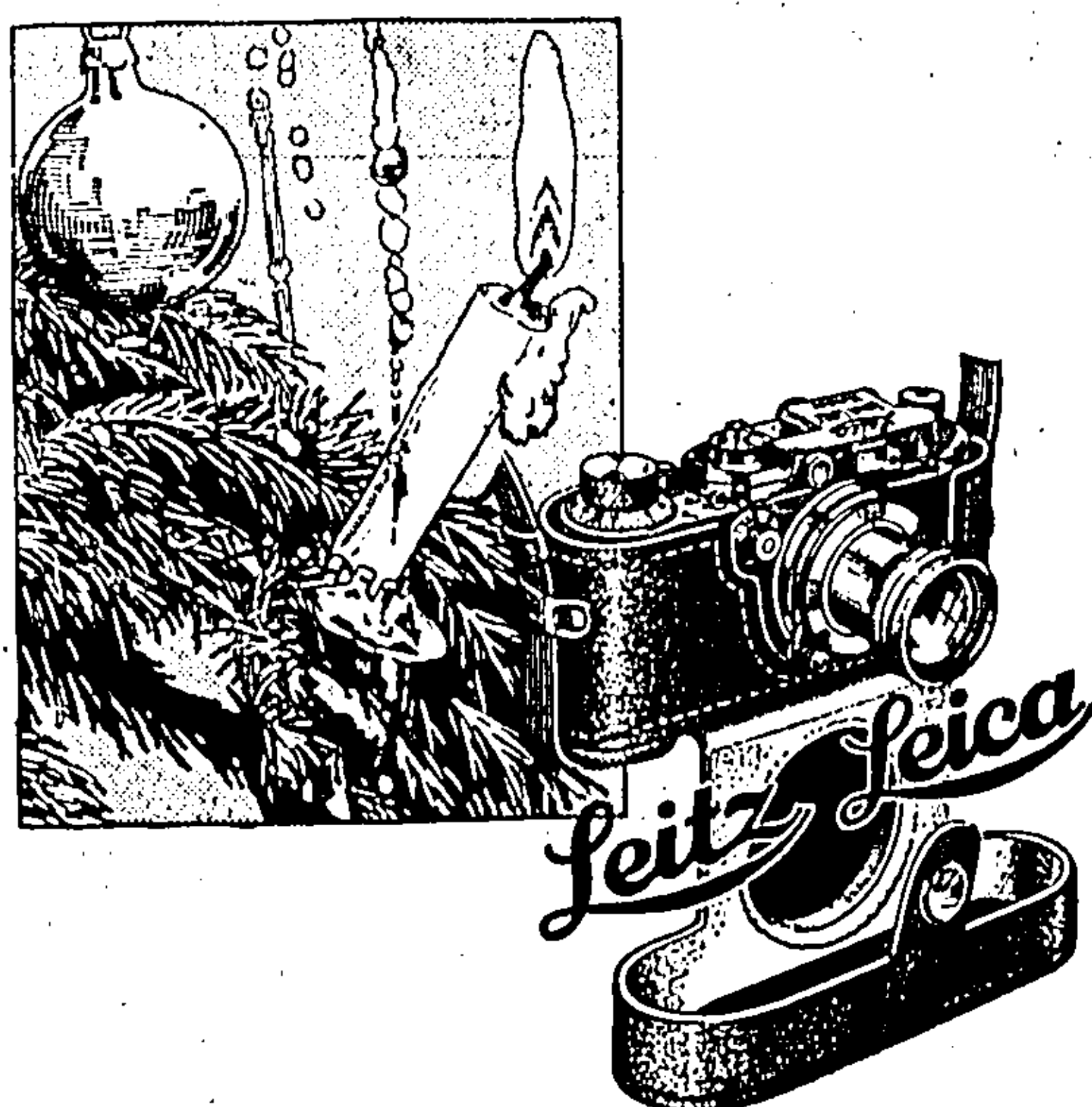


CAMERA NOTES

(Left).—Pensioners v. Old Sailors at Bowls.—A bearded Chelsea Pensioner looks on while his opponent measures the woods at the annual bowls match at the Royal Alfred Home, Belvedere, Kent.



The giant liner "Queen Mary" is now nearing completion and it is anticipated that she will leave the Clyde towards the end of April.



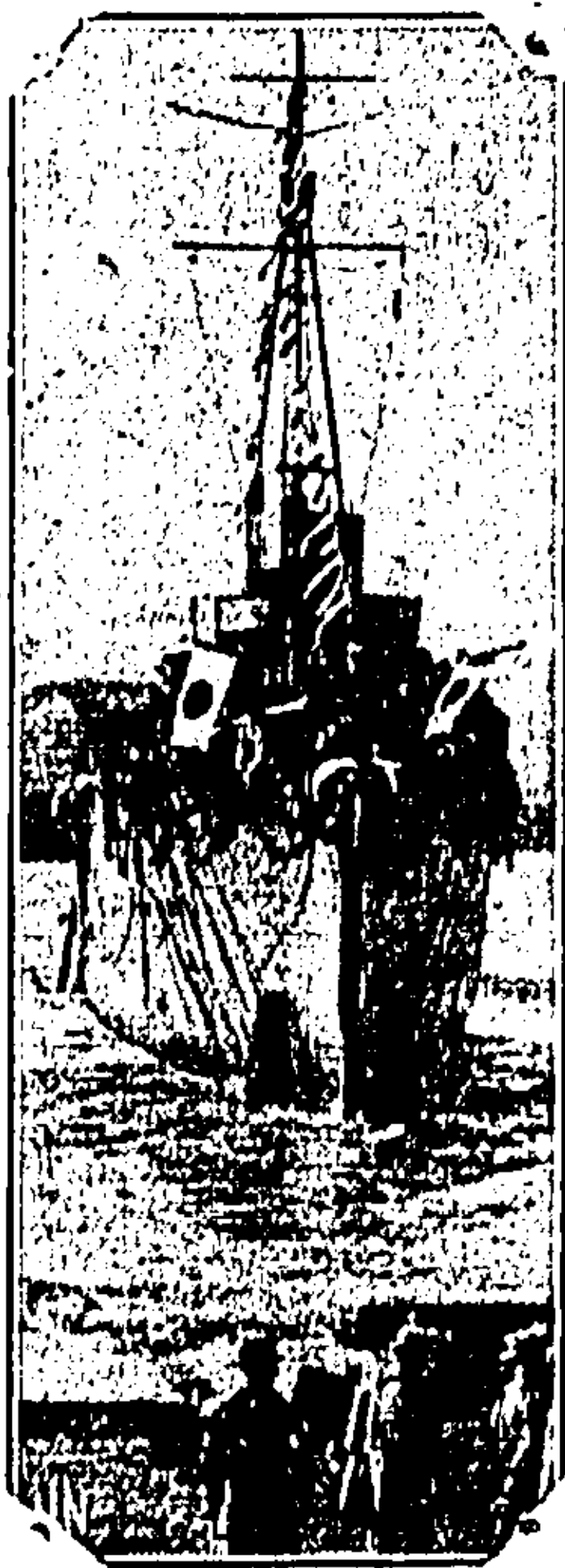
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FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS APPROACHING BREAKING POINT



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The China Coast Officers' Guild, an institution founded to protect the interests of British seafarers on the China Coast, will celebrate its Silver Jubilee in July next year, although what form the celebrations will take has yet to be decided.

Few, if any, of the men who stood in that dim room in the Oliver Building in Shanghai when the Guild was first created 25 years ago are here to-day to join in the celebrations, but they can rest assured that the ideals they strove after in those early days are being pursued to-day with the same vigour.

The Marine Engineers' Guild and the China Coast Officers' Guild are now practically one entity, and the united front they have been able to present has proved of incalculable advantage to the men concerned.

Recognition Granted

The quarter of a century during which the Guild has had its continued existence has not been an easy time. The first difficulty with which it had to contend was the efforts of the shipowners to suppress it. When recognition had finally been granted, it turned its attentions towards securing better conditions, pay, and home leave for its members, and the introduction of a pension scheme. After several demands had been made without any action being forthcoming, the Guild informed the shipowners that it would incite its members to strike if the demands were not complied with, and on the expiry of the ultimatum on May 1, 1915, a general strike was declared.

The first ship due to sail from Shanghai was the Hsin Peking, but this vessel remained at her berth until a settlement had been reached, and the cargo and passengers had to be disembarked. All other ships in the northern port announced their intention of remaining, with the exception of the Loongwo and the Choyang, which sailed on May 4, and the Suwo, which sailed the following day, with only the captain and the chief engineer on board, all the other officers having left the ship. Meanwhile, on May 3, the Marine Engineers' Guild presented an ultimatum, which expired at noon on May 4, and the Choyang was stopped at Swatow, her engineers refusing to proceed.

58 Ships Laid Up

Before a settlement was finally arrived at 58 ships were laid up in coastal ports, principally at Shanghai. The settlement was reached on May 12. Great credit

CHRISTMAS-TIDE IN HONG KONG

PEOPLE AGAIN SPENDING MORE FREELY

LOCAL TURKEYS SOLD OUT

Judging by the number of enquiries the Dairy Farm have received, this season is likely to be one of the busiest they have experienced for some time, and if they are fulfilled it will certainly be a big improvement on last year. It is, however, difficult to arrive at a definite estimate, as in the particular commodities in which the Dairy Farm deal people are inclined to leave ordering until the last minute, presumably in the hope that they will win a turkey or a ham in some sweep or other.

A large amount of business has been done by the China Emporium during the past few weeks. This department store finds itself in a position to sell at very reasonable prices, as most of their stock-in-trade was bought when exchange rates were in their favour. The company have sold a large number of ladies' requisites, particularly silk, woollens and knick-knacks. The elaborate toy department has not been neglected either, and the turnover here, especially in Christmas stockings, has been satisfactory. Other firms in a similar line of business, like the Sun Company, the Wing On Co. and Sincere's, have encountered like experiences.

Paradise For Children

During the past week Whiteaway's has been besieged by the younger generation, and in some cases large stocks have been exhausted. War in Ethiopia, and rumours of wars elsewhere, have evidently acted on the minds of Hong Kong youth, for toy forts have been in great demand, while the sale of lead soldiers and guns has also been good. Out of a total of 24 forts only two are left. Stream-lined motor-cars have also proved very popular.

Favourable Business

Business has improved considerably during the past week, report Lane Crawford Ltd., and the staff are standing by for the last-minute rush.

Brewer's Book Stall also report favourable business, both in books of all descriptions and Christmas cards. The best seller so far is Princess Elizabeth's Gift Book, an ideal present for a girl. This book, which has only just arrived, is attractively bound and moderate in price.

Free Balloons For Kiddies

Despite the depression the Yee Sang Fat Company is daily crowded to capacity as a result of the Christmas Sale now being held. According to one of their customers, it is said that never before in Hong Kong has there been a store offering quality goods at such low prices. Every article purchased at that store will make a perfect Christmas gift that is sure to be appreciated, and yet the goods are not too expensive.

As gifts for the youngsters they

for bringing about an amicable settlement was due to Sir Everard Fraser, H.B.M. Consul-General at Shanghai at that time.

Matters continued very smoothly for some years, although dissatisfaction was still rife in some quarters. In 1927, however, the Guild called another strike among the officers of the China Navigation Company's steamers. This proved to be a much lengthier affair than its predecessor in 1915, and resulted in a practical deadlock.

Membership Figures

The introduction of Chinese officers and engineers in many of the ships has resulted in both Guilds suffering a severe decline in membership. In 1911 when the Guild was formed the members numbered 94 and a yearly increase was noted until the peak year was reached in 1920, when a total of 830 members were on the rolls. These numbers gradually dwindled, until to-day the membership of the combined Guilds stands at 400.

have a huge variety of imported toys to suit everyone's taste, most acceptable and most interesting. In addition the management of the store is now giving free balloons to customers with children. Indeed, the sale represents everyone's buying opportunity.

Local Turkeys Out!

The popular demand for local turkeys has resulted in the well-known provisioners the New Asia Company exhausting a stock of 250, and now customers have to content themselves with imported birds. This store also reports that it is doing a thriving business in Christmas crackers, while confectionery is also selling well.

Their system of giving coupons to every customer who makes a purchase in cash, to be exchanged at Christmas time for goods, has also proved very popular, and nearly 1,000 customers will receive hampers this Christmas.

Hotel Cabaret Team

The popular cabaret team, Cowan and Bailey, Estelle Davis and Ted and Evelyn, who have been delighting dancers at the Hong Kong Hotel during the past few weeks, are anticipating a very strenuous week while the Christmas and New Year celebration are in progress. Starting from Christmas Eve they will give alternate numbers on each side of the harbour, first at the Hong Kong Hotel and then at the Peninsula.

As in past years the management of the Hotels are going to considerable expense in making the ballrooms attractive. On Christmas Eve, in the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room, a giant tree, possibly one of the largest in the Colony, will be erected, while Mr. Piovaneli is now busy thinking out a new and novel way of introducing the New Year.

STEAMER SUNK AT QUAY

Explosion In Cargo Of Saltpetre

WAREHOUSES SET ON FIRE

Santos, Brazil, Yesterday. Several members of the crew were killed when the 3,000-ton Swedish steamer Britt-Marie, laden with saltpetre and lying at the quay, sank immediately after a terrific explosion, which alarmed the whole city and wrecked a warehouse on the quayside.

The explosion hurled flaming sacks of saltpetre on to two warehouses, setting them on fire. Several of the members of the crew and stevedores working aboard the ship are missing. A number of workmen in the warehouses were also injured. All work in the port has had to be stopped. — Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE IN PACIFIC

REGISTERED AT MOSCOW

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL. Moscow, Yesterday. An extremely violent earthquake, which probably occurred in the Pacific Ocean near the British Solomon Islands, east of New Guinea, has been registered by the Moscow seismographic station, according to press reports here yesterday. — Trans-Ocean Service.

XMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, Yesterday. — Their Majesties the King and Queen are leaving London for Sandringham to-day. Other members of the Royal Family who are joining Their Majesties at Sandringham



No one north of the Mason-Dixon line thinks of wearing a bathing suit on a turkey hunt, but in Miami, Florida, it seems to be the vogue if Mary Weems with her Thanksgiving dinner slung over her pretty shoulder is a criterion.

"GOETZ OF THE IRON HAND"

Death Of Last Living Descendant

Vienna, Yesterday. Baron Reinhard Goetz von Berlichingen, the last living descendant of the famous XVth century German knight known as "Goetz of the Iron Hand" and the hero of Goethe's famous drama, has died here, aged 83. — Trans-Ocean Service.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Successful Exhibition Promised

APPLICATIONS FOR SPACE POURING IN

Judging from the continuous pouring in of applications which now total over 300, submitted by the various farmers for space to display their exhibits, the New Territories Agricultural Association's Show, to be held at Sheung Shui on Saturday and Sunday, January 4 and 5, will prove to be an even greater success than last year.

Special stalls, which will not be eligible for competition, will again be erected by the Botanical and Forestry Department and by Lady Ho Tung, who will display the best of the vegetables and fruits produced on her farm, The Tung Ying Hok Po.

The Botanical and Forestry Department's stall will again be under the management of the Superintendent, Mr. H. Green, who, it will be remembered, was responsible for the excellent way in which the exhibits were displayed last year.

Illustrated Lecture

One of the most interesting side-shows will be that conducted by Mr. Cheung Chik-hay, who will give lectures, accompanied by illustrations, on plants and vegetables.

Mr. Cheung is a graduate of the agricultural course at the Ling Nan University in Canton, and has recently been taken on to the staff of the Association. Since his appointment he has been touring various villages and lecturing the villagers on agricultural subjects. According to Mr. C. Tetzel, Honorary Secretary of the Association, Mr. Cheung is likely to prove of great value to the Association.

The Show will be opened at 1.30 p.m. on the first day, and any person wishing to purchase any of the exhibits will be allowed to do so on Sunday, the second and last day of the Show. Servicemen will be admitted free to the grounds of the Show.

For Christmas will follow at the beginning of the week. — British Wireless Service.

MINES DISPUTE IN BRITAIN

Still No Settlement Seen

POSSIBLE STRIKE OPENING ON JANUARY 27

London, Yesterday. The principal subject discussed on the motion for the adjournment in the House of Commons yesterday was the position in the coal industry arising out of Thursday's decision of the Mines Delegate Conference, to tender notices in the coalfields to cease work on January 27 unless in the meantime a satisfactory settlement of the wages claim has been reached.

The Secretary for Mines, Captain Crookshank, referred to the appeal he had made to the mines' leaders to investigate fully the offer made by the owners, the actual terms of which they are not in a position to communicate to the Union before January 6. He said he took the dates fixed for the handing-in of the notices as a response to that appeal, for which he expressed gratitude.

He was convinced that the re-organisation of selling agencies was the right line along which to advance to an improvement of the position of the coal industry as a whole. It was the beginning of a new policy, and it would be a great misfortune if the progress were delayed by a strike. In the intervening weeks he hoped they would be able to find a solution of the outstanding difficulties.

Captain Crookshank repeated that the Government were not prepared to contribute a subsidy out of the public funds. — British Wireless Service.

ANOTHER CLASH IN MANCHUKUO

Mongolians Routed By Japanese

Dairen, Yesterday. Seventy Outer Mongolians who are alleged to have made an incursion into Manchukuo territory to the west of Lake Baikal were routed on Thursday by 30 Japanese troops escorting the Japanese-Manchukuo frontier survey party, according to Japanese reports. There were no Japanese or Manchukuo casualties. — Reuter.

LEAGUE REFORMATION

London, Yesterday. — In reply to the House of Commons question time, Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for League Affairs, stated that no recent discussions had taken place nor had plans been circulated to other countries, nor had they been under consideration at home concerning the reform of the League of Nations. — British Wireless Service.

REPRESENTATIONS AT ROME

AMBASSADOR OBJECTS TO DUCE'S SPEECH

FASCIST COUNCIL ADJOURNS WITHOUT REACHING DECISION

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL

Paris, Yesterday.

The growing tension between France and Italy appears to be indicated by the report that immediately after the publication of Signor Mussolini's speech at Pontinia the French Ambassador visited the Secretary of State, Signor Suvich, and strongly protested against the uncompromising passages in the speech directed against the Powers participating in sanctions. Signor Suvich is stated to have rejected the protest.

It is not yet possible to obtain official confirmation of the Geneva rumours that Signor Mussolini had been informed by M. Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare concerning the contents of the peace formula before the proposals were definitely drawn up, and that the Duce had privately given an assurance that he would accept the plan as a basis for peace negotiations. If the rumour should prove correct it would indeed help to explain some of the hitherto inexplicable events of the past two weeks.

It is generally anticipated here that Signor Mussolini will refrain from formally replying to the peace proposals. This would mean that France, now as before, would be bound by sanctions and must, if England so desires, even take part in the oil embargo. Thus the critical international situation which M. Laval for some months past has been doing his best to forestall may arise shortly after the New Year. — Trans-Ocean Service.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE TO RETURN

Only A Matter Of Time

London, Yesterday.

Last night's debate survived the damaging Opposition attack and Mr. Stanley Baldwin made two effective speeches. It is generally recognised that Sir Samuel Hoare's return to the Cabinet is only a matter of time. The House of Commons later adjourned. — Reuter.

M. LAVAL'S FATE UNCERTAIN

Important Foreign Debate Pending

SOCIALISTS BECOMING IMPATIENT

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Laval, who returned here yesterday forenoon, was immediately received by President Lebrun for a conference lasting an hour, but the rumours that the Premier's resignation is imminent are denied in Government circles, where it is pointed out that M. Laval, before his departure for Geneva, would hardly have taken pains to obtain a vote of confidence in the Chamber if he had thought that his fate was bound up with that of the ill-starred peace proposals.

The opinion prevails, however, that it is doubtful whether the Cabinet will survive the crucial foreign political debate scheduled for December 27, and there is already much speculation as to M. Laval's prospective successor, the names of MM. Chautemps, Paul-Boncour, Mandel and Herriot being prominently mentioned.

UNCERTAIN SITUATION

The Left wing meanwhile is growing impatient, the keynote being sounded by the Socialist Leader, M. Leon Blum, in an article published in the *Populaire*, which says: "The scene has shifted to Paris, and here in Paris the fate of M. Laval must be decided—of M. Laval who has been the dupe of Mussolini and the evil spirit of Sir Samuel Hoare."

Political observers take the view that even if the Premier should, in view of the growing opposition, decide on resigning voluntarily rather than being overthrown by the Chamber, President Lebrun would probably request him to stay in office till the budget has passed its final reading. The situation at any rate is very confused and uncertain, and it is impossible to forecast what turn events may take within the next 24 hours. — Trans-Ocean Service.

ITALIAN SUCCESS REPORTED

Severe Fighting South Of Abiddi

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL

Rome, Yesterday.

An official communique issued yesterday afternoon states: "After severe fighting our detachments defeated and scattered a group of Abyssinian warriors south of Abiddi, whereby we lost one non-commissioned officer and one Askari besides 16 wounded. The enemy suffered heavy losses."

Tribal leaders and notable warriors in Goralai from all the territories of Ogaden and Her Abdulah held a traditional meeting of their tribes and renewed their oaths of allegiance to Italy. The Ogaden warriors have been incorporated in the Italian army. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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CHILDREN'S FEAST "MERRY" CHRISTMAS AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE SWEET ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST-CHILD

By Rev. Fr. A. de Angelis
(Of Rosary Church, Kowloon)

A MERRY Christmas to you
one and all!

A few days more and the Divine Child will be amongst us once again in the sweet anniversary of His birth, wishing to bring to the nonchalant world a stirring and reviving wave of His Spirit, which is the Spirit of Christmas, whose admirable fruits are epitomised in a word: righteousness. But the world prefers to remain crooked, thus capriciously distorting even the Spirit of Christmas by building it upon a paradoxical basis.

Normally it would seem commonplace to say that Christmas is the home festival par excellence, for it tends to gather together the members of a family round the domestic hearth.

And Christmas Day, by God's good grace.

Should find us all together! Yet it is precisely in the Christmas season that men choose to be exceptionally undomestic and vagabond. Look at them as they struggle for a seat in buses and trams, hail and hurriedly spring into street-cars, rush away in rickshaws, fly on motor-cycles, crowd shops, stroll and disappear in toy-departments, sit in tea-rooms and doze away, "wondering whether or when they will ever get home." Is it not a paradox that on the "Feast of the Home" men should make themselves "homeless"?

Open Doors

Christmas occurs in winter. Now it is in winter that doors are more commonly kept shut, and people are likely to indulge in indoor recreations and relaxations. But paradoxically men throw the door open wider at Christmas than

at any other time of the year, and forming themselves into Bohemian parties, eager for their Bacchanalian potations, they reach their resting place just in time to learn that every seat at every table has been booked already and that "there is no room for them in the inn."

Christmas, the feast of a voluntarily homeless Child, should be celebrated in every home. In there not another sad paradox brought about by the "tragedy of poverty" or the "scourge of illness" or the "law of duty"? Think of the rhythmic cadence of the miner's pick down in the dark caves of the earth; think of the sighs and groans and spasmodic agonies in the hospital; think of the recalcitrant loneliness torturing the spirit of those whom inexorable duty keeps away from home.

"That Empty Seat"
Poverty, illness, duty will place before your eyes the vivid sight of so many beloved mothers and affectionate sisters to whom "that empty seat" at the Christmas table is a sharp point which revives the wound of the heart.

Christmas is the Feast of Peace. "And on earth peace to men of good will" was the mean of the angels of God.

No war, or battle's sound,
Was heard the world around;
The idle spear and shield were
high uphung;

The hooked chariot stood
Unstained with hostile blood;
The trumpet spake not to the
armed throng;

And kings sat still with awful
eye,
As if they surely knew their
sovereign Lord was by.

But peaceful was the night,
Wherein the Prince of Light,
His reign of peace upon the
earth began.

(John Milton)

Alas for the ecstatic vision; alas for the prophecy of peace. The vision is unrealised. In nothing have we failed so dismally to measure up to the expectations of Christ as in the matter of war and peace. The sermon on the Mount has not yet been written into any national constitution; kings and congresses, presidents and parliaments, yes, even Leagues of Nations and world courts, though they give lip service to the Man of Galilee, do not invite Him to sit at the council table with them.

No Room For Jesus

There was no room for Jesus at Versailles and no place is reserved for Him at Geneva. Putting it plainly, Christ is frozen out. Consequently peace is frozen out. Paradoxically the Feast of Peace finds wars in the world. But to you, men of goodwill, Christmas will bring peace.

"Merry"—has written a modern author—"is derived from the name of Her whose chaste bosom and breast gave harbour and rest to Christ, the King of the World". Imagine the merry Christmas of Mary! All of this is the merry Christmas which I wish to you.

But my appeal goes especially to you, O children of Hong Kong. Christmas is your feast, for Christmas is the feast of children. Christmas is not Christmas without you. How great you appear to us in your smallness; how conquering in your weakness; how wise in your simplicity; how enviable in your mirth!

"Like These"

Oh, if the world could only remember the "unless you become like these little children" how different it would be from what it is now.

While playing and rejoicing, don't forget other children who suffer and cry even on Christmas Day, for they have no clothes, no food, no toys. The homeless, noisy world has no room for them. Will you, too, turn them away; or will you find room for the Holy Baby's little brothers and sisters in the host of your heart? Repent to Jesus, the Heavenly Child, the prayer of the brave earthly child:

Give me to soften pain, and
play the friend,
And I shall walk glad-hearted
to the end!

LAST OF ITS LINE

The engine "Scottish Chief," the only survivor of the L.M.S. "experiment" class of locomotive, has been withdrawn from service.



A broken hip, suffered by Mrs. Edith Kermit Roosevelt, the 74-year-old widow of President Theodore Roosevelt, is worrying relatives. She was injured in a fall in her Oyster Bay, Long Island, home.

DAUGHTER OF POLICE

Girl Adopted By
Whole Corps

Stockholm.—The latest number of the *Stockholm Police Journal* contains a letter from Miss Maria Olofsson thanking the police corps for their care, kindness and gifts.

In 1914 Maria's father was killed by a motor-car while on duty. On the day of his funeral Maria was born.

The police corps of his district decided to take over the entire care of the daughter of their dead comrade and to defray the cost of her keep and her education, and Maria was thus adopted as "the daughter of the police."

Mother Dies

Four years later Maria's mother died, but the girl was well taken care of. Her godfathers found a good home for her and gave her a first-class education.

As soon as she had left school she got a job at police headquarters and has recently been promoted to a post in the office of the Lord Lieutenant of Stockholm. She has now become of age and is able to support herself.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC THIS YEAR?

Special Facilities For
Blood Transfusions

London.

This may be a "measles winter," according to the Hospital and Medical Services Committee of the L.C.C.

"In view of the anticipated biennial measles epidemic this winter," reports the Committee, "more extended arrangements are necessary in regard to the services of donors of blood, including members of the Council's staff, and we consider that a small payment of 5s. should be made on each occasion to ensure the requisite supply."

The scheme will cost up to £350, and it will be discussed by the Council at a later date.

LESLIE HOWARD IN NEW FILM

Role Of "Bonnie
Prince Charlie"

London.

Leslie Howard will be seen shortly in the title-role of a new picture tentatively entitled "Bonnie Prince Charlie." It will be made by United Players' productions, recently formed by Mr. Howard and Dr. Eugene Frenke. Gilbert Lennox, who adapted "Close Quarters" for the stage, has done the script.

Max Schach, director of Capital Films, has secured the film rights of A. J. Cronin's novel, "The Stars Look Down." This picture will go into production early in the New Year under the direction of Karl Grune.

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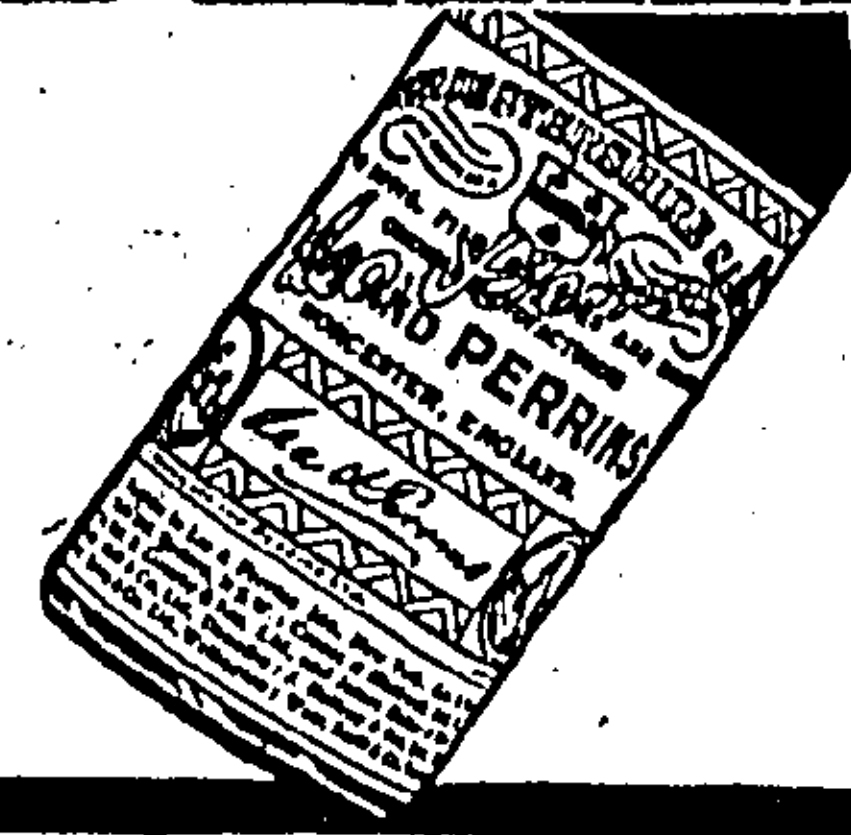
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40 YEARS SPENT AMONG DEATH

Sussex Coroner
Retires

FAMOUS CRIMES RECALLED

London.—Hundreds of mysterious tragedies have been investigated by Mr. C. E. Lewis, who is retiring after nearly 40 years as a coroner in Essex.

"To the memory of Maud Garrett, who came to an untimely end at Warley Gap, at the early age of 80 years, on May 20, 1903."

"To the memory of P.C. Gutteridge of the Essex Constabulary, murdered while in the execution of his duty at Stapleford in this county in 1931."

These inscriptions are on monuments in churchyards at Warley and Brentwood, and they mark the resting-place of victims of crimes on whom Mr. Lewis held inquests.

Sussex Coroner

For four years Mr. Lewis was coroner for the whole county of Essex, in succession to a relative.

In 1900 he became the coroner of Southern and Western Essex.

It was in 1903 that the body of Maud Garrett was found in the beautiful expanse of Warley Gap, near to Warley Barracks, Brentwood.

A soldier paid the penalty for this crime.

Gutteridge Murder

For the murder of Police-constable Gutteridge, five years ago, two men, Browne and Kennedy, were executed.

Between those two dates Mr. Lewis conducted about 8,000 inquiries into deaths.

Unsolved mysteries have been numerous.

Such a one was the case of the three persons whose charred and headless remains were found in a fire-degraded country house at Ramsden Heath, Billericay.

The house was burned down in the night unnoticed, and the cause of the fire was never discovered.

The victims were a retired naval officer, his wife, and a chauffeur.

WIND CAUSES COLLISION

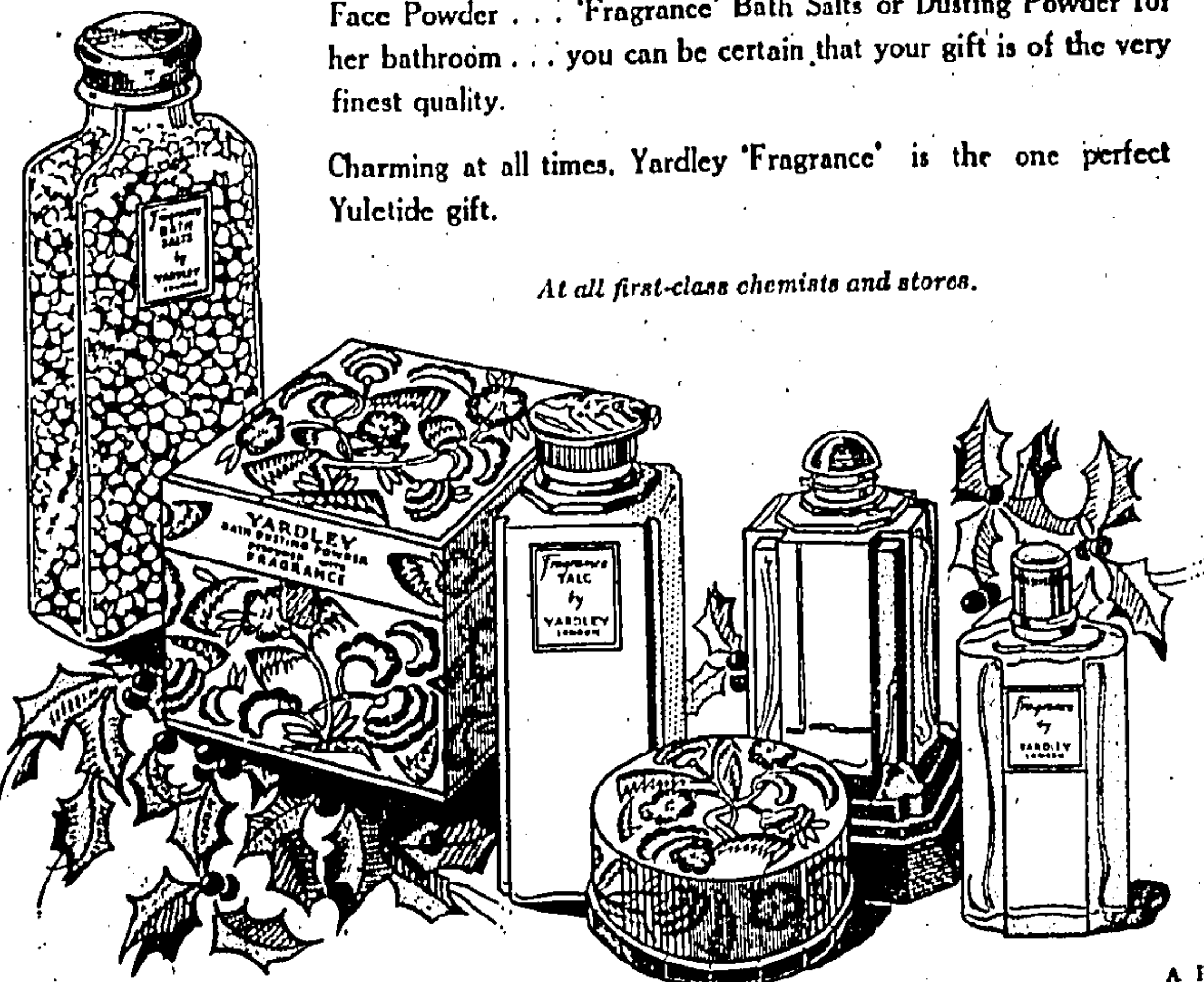
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THE PASSING HOUR

THERE can be no doubt that the correspondents who have written on the subject of our humble efforts in Hong Kong have raised some very interesting points. If we can extricate them from the merely verbal quips that cloud the issue. For instance, the word "amateur" was used by me in its true sense of a "lover of art," not an "amateur artist" in the sense in which one speaks of an "amateur footballer." To drag in old Mammon when it is a case of accepting a few dollars to help pay for paint and canvas is clearly rhetorical. It is quite true that the connoisseur—which is the word I should use for a man who devotes his lifetime to the study of art—is a rare bird, but there was no suggestion that "A.S.K." should deputate anything to anyone. There are many people who love pictures disinterestedly, and like to say what sort of picture they prefer, and they have every right to the name of amateur, without claiming to be connoisseurs. The discussion began with my claiming the right of the beginner to begin. To that I must evidently add the claim of the amateur to enjoy, and to say so.

TECHNIQUE

IN the short limits of a column it is not always possible to define words fully, but there must be a distinction between what a beginner can be taught about methods and the use of materials, and what he must derive from his own powers and from the study of masterpieces. If I wanted to get an expert opinion on the technical merits of a picture I should be very fortunate if I could get my critic to accompany me, and I should value his judgment. But there is one thing he could not tell me, and that is whether I enjoyed looking at the picture. To that we could only apply the maxim *de gustibus non est disputandum*, and it would not follow that a difference of opinion meant that anybody was wrong. At my first visit to the National Gallery in London I fell in love with Moroni's "Tailor," but it was a long time before I found anyone who agreed with me. Some years afterwards I was delighted to find from one of John Ruskin's letters that he also thought it the best thing in the Gallery, and later still I found that Sir Hugh Lane—whose connoisseurship would probably be admitted by "A.S.K."—had the same preference. I should say that the technique was first rate largely because it is not obtruded. One takes in at a glance the shrewd humour of the subject, the perception and portrayal of which was not learned from any teacher.

THE H. K. ATTAINMENT

I am invited to say whether there is in Hong Kong any serious application to study of technique, any serious effort. I should say that there is a great deal more than is realised, but it is at present entirely without guidance or encouragement. What is needed is that all those who make art the business of their lives and all the amateurs should combine to get a chance for those who want to work to have trained and sympathetic guidance. The lack is not due to absence of any wish for it. The first proposal was to ask the University for the use of a suitable room for a studio. That would have made it possible for models to be secured, and for an instructor to be appointed. Then there was the hope that the new Town Hall might get the nucleus of a gallery of good examples for study. That has been indefinitely postponed. A third attempt to get something done was the joint undertaking to secure a studio, which after some months had to be abandoned through lack of backing to secure a suitable room. If anyone wants an example of how necessary it is to rope in all who are lovers of art more than bridge, take the Government's treatment of the Chater bequest, which is scattered and practically invisible. I would even be bold enough to suggest that if Marble Hall was considered a suitable residence for His Excellency the Admiral, the Admiralty might have been asked for a rental to be applied for the encouragement of a collection of pictures which would be in the line of Sir

INFLUENCE OF MIND OVER MATTER ANCIENT INDIAN RITES OF FIREWALKING

Interesting Experiment
Made In London

By C. E. M. JOAD

Much interest has been aroused by the recent experiments carried out by the University of London Institute for Psychical Research with a young Kashmiri, Kuda Bux, as the subject. This young man has demonstrated before a distinguished company of scientists the ancient Indian rite of firewalking.

AMONG all peoples at all times there runs a tradition that the mind can obtain such control over the body as to render it immune from pain; or rather, since it is the mind that feels pain, such control as to prevent the body from conveying to the mind those messages of pain which it sends when it is damaged.

I say "at all times" yet there has never, I imagine, been a time so sceptical in the matter as our own. Admittedly we have our Christian Scientists who maintain that pain is unreal and that we shall not, therefore, be hurt then we shall not in fact be hurt, and interpret all the evidence to the contrary—those terrible occasions when we do not expect to be hurt, and are—as due to failure in belief. But the ordinary reaction of the ordinary man is one of wistful scepticism. "How nice," he thinks, "if it were only true. How unfortunate that it is not!"

The ancient Stoics held that the good man could so subdue the matter of his body to the power of his mind, that he could be happy even on the rack.

The point is prominently raised by the celebrated fire-walk performed by the Indian, Kuda Bux, on September 17 this year in a Surrey garden. The facts are simple enough. A trench 25 feet long was filled with burning charcoal. Its surface, a mass of red-hot embers, was whipped to a perpetual glow by the intermittent gusts of tempestuous wind. Its temperature was stated to be 800 F.

Blistered Novices

Bux's feet were medically examined and found to be unprepared.

Paul's own tastes. No such scheme is helped by issuing a flat that artists and amateurs of art are not to be taken seriously.

SCHOOLS OF ART

THERE is not a word in what I have said to imply that technical achievement is easy, or that any student is not the better for travelling and experience of the practice of the great schools, among which Paris is of course pre-eminent. But until some wealthy patron turns up we must make shift with what we can do locally. I can remember when a society of students was started in Glasgow with as great discouragements as here, in fact ridicule. But the Glasgow School made a name for itself, and Sir John Lavery for one was highly honoured by the Salon itself. One never knows. Such an enterprise is an act of faith, and in Hong Kong standing on the boundary line between two civilisations and two artistic traditions it is worth while to have the faith.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ART

HEAVEN forbid that I should attempt to put foot into the high regions of theory about aesthetics, beyond saying that I think the discovery and revelation of beauty is an essential part of any worth-while culture. I will merely quote Schiller's definition of art as "the gladness of the kingdom of man and show wherein it emancipates men from all compulsion alike of physical and moral forces." And to that I may perhaps add the words that Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Polonius:—

This is an art
Which doth mend Nature,
Change it rather, but
The art itself is nature.

pared. He then on two occasions walked along the first half of the trench, a distance of some 12 feet, putting his bare feet, as far as I could see, four separate times on each occasion on the glowing charcoal. His feet were subsequently examined and found to be unblistered and their temperature was declared to be normal.

Two young Englishmen who then essayed the experiment placed their bare feet only twice each upon the embers and then hopped off in obvious pain. Their feet were found to be blistered.

So much for the facts! How explain them? Broadly there are two kinds of explanation. The first says simply this is merely a trick or knack, or, perhaps I should say, a peculiarity about it. Some people we know can hold hot things for longer periods than others. Cooks, for instance, can stand boiling kettles on the palms of their hands and apparently suffer no discomfort. The hands, it is said, are insulated from the heat by the layer of soot at the bottom of the kettle.

Now this bodily endurance of heat can be cultivated. Kuda Bux, we may therefore suppose, has cultivated it.

Moreover, he is a slight man who pressed very lightly upon the embers and, we may add, has learnt a peculiar trick of placing his feet.

Finally, it might be pointed out that Bux insisted on the careful preparation of his surface. He refused, for example, to walk on heated soil. He must, he said, have heated wood. Moreover, he was only in contact with the surface for a very short time (just under two seconds) and, as I watched his face, it seemed to me perfectly clear that he felt pain. Perceptibly he winced.

This explanation, then, tends to pooh-pooh the whole thing, on the assumption that all that Bux demonstrated was a very slight extension of a faculty which we all in some measure, however slight, possess. Even I can pass my finger rapidly through the flame of a candle.

Faith — Or What?

Nevertheless I do not feel altogether satisfied. Why, one wants to know, were the man's soles not blistered? Why were the soles of the Englishmen blistered? Moreover, this cannot be treated as an isolated case. As I said at the beginning, all times and countries bear witness to the mind's control of the body.

Is there nothing which answers to this in our own experience? What of the people who voluntarily expose themselves to infection, believing that they will not catch the disease, and do not catch it? What, on the other hand, of those fearful valetudinarians who, afraid of every ailment that is abroad, invariably catch every ailment that is abroad?

There is, as usual, a scientific explanation. When you are low or frightened, your ductless glands fail to produce sufficient quantities of the tiny stimulating secretion which tones up the cells in the blood, which are hostile to disease germs.

"How You Feel"

As a consequence the protective cells are not sufficiently stimulated to do their job. Thus there is a definite connection between how you feel and what you catch. Admitted—but how much is really explained? All that science can tell us is that the states of our mind affect our bodies. A cheerful state tones up the disease-defeating cells; a depressed state leaves us unarm.

Very well, then: the control of the body by the mind is a fact. Is it not plausible to suppose that it can be deliberately developed, and that there are some Indians, for example, who have learnt the recipe for its development? I can see no reason for rejecting this hypothesis out of hand. But how much better if they would publish the recipe!

CONTRACT BRIDGE



HOW TO MAKE SURE OF SLAMS

(By Lieut.-Col. H. M. DEASLEY)
FEW contract players can escape from the enthusiasm who insists on relating his latest "hard luck" story.

This weakness in human nature is catered for in New York by a rather dejected-looking individual who stands outside a well-known bridge club holding a notice board on which is written: "I will listen to any hard luck story for one dollar."

I find that most of these stories revolve around a slam bid—either the slam was bid when it ought not to have been or the partner failed to give the correct response, and a slam which ought to have been bid has been missed. There is no doubt that the large premiums for slams entice players to reach out for something which is not in their grasp.

Ways to Success

However, you must make use of the good hands which Providence supplies, but you must step warily. Do not rush your fences, and endeavour to give and get as much information as you can before making your final decision.

The large majority of successful slams are a result of opening bids of "one of a suit" followed by:

- (a) a forcing response by the partner;
- (b) a two no-trump response; or
- (c) a double or triple raise in the suit bid.

If your partner opens the bidding with one of a suit and you hold a good hand, consider your response most carefully. You must inform him that what you have is strong enough to ensure a game, and at the same time your response should, if possible, be in a form which will be certain to induce him to give you some more information with regard to the composition of his hand.

Do not immediately give a "game call response" which may deter your partner from bidding any further.

The following hand, which was played in a large duplicate contest last week, is an example of a simple slam bid which many players failed to arrive at, as the first response was in many cases an immediate raise to a "game call."

Here is the hand:

North:—
S—A Q 9 7
H—A K J 8 4
D—J 10 4
C—6
South:—
S—K 6
H—Q 9 7
D—A K 9 8 3
C—A 7 4

North deals and bids 1 Heart. South has a very good supporting hand; many players—in too great a hurry—immediately raised the bid to 4 Hearts. After a game call response North is in a difficult position—his hand is not strong enough to justify a further bid, with the result that a slam is missed.

It should be evident to South that a game in Hearts is a certainty and that a slam is probable. South must therefore inform North by making a forcing response, and bid 8 Diamonds. North then bids 3 Spades, showing his second suit. South should bid 4 Clubs, North 4 Hearts, and South the small slam in Hearts.

Here is a hand on which a forcing response in judicious. North is dealer and bids 1 Heart:

North:—
S—4
H—A K 10 7 4 2
D—A 6 4
C—K 7 3
South:—
S—A K 6 5
H—6
D—10 8 7 5 3
C—A Q 6

South has a strong hand, but his distribution is bad—there is no support in the Heart suit and the Spade suit is not very strong. A forcing response on a hand of this nature is apt to land you into trouble. A simple response of 1 Spade is perhaps likely to produce the best result.



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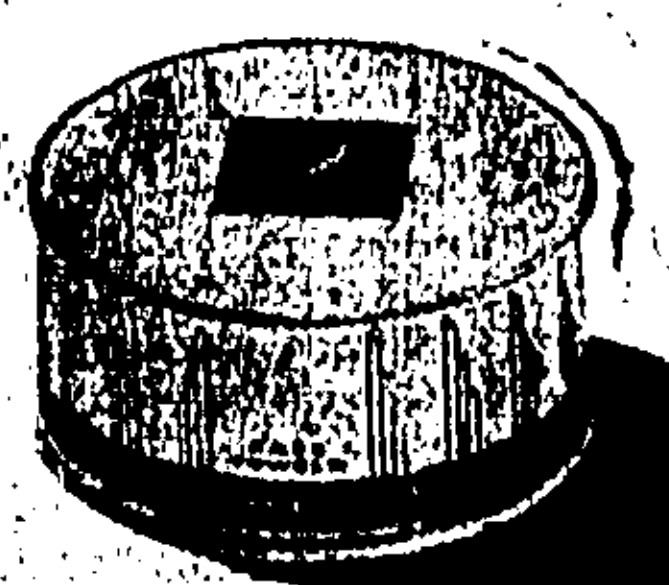
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The China Emporium

Especially is this the case at the China Emporium, which is gaily decorated in keeping with the spirit of the season. The whole of the front verandah is hung with handsome lanterns of Chinese design, and the front show windows display an almost bewildering variety of handsome goods suitable for gifts.

Within are decorations and brightness, with something to appeal to the eye—and to the pocket—at every step. The parent who takes his child to the China Emporium will assuredly not escape without diving into his pocket. There are dolls of every kind and shape and size for the girls and for the boys there are trains and a wealth of mechanical toys to delight the heart. And, for more useful presents for either sex, there are warm "woollies" both cheap and attractive.

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Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw's premises have been turned into a sort of Aladdin's treasure-cave for the Christmas season, hung with charmingly-coloured festoons and many-hued electric lamps and displaying every kind of toy dear to the heart of childhood, made more attractive by the disposition at intervals of Christmas trees covered with miniature flashing lamps.

But the *piece de resistance* of the show is the snow-covered Shirley Temple Village, in which a life-like Shirley Temple doll presides over the inhabitants, consisting of Mickey and Minnie Mouse, the Three Little Pigs and various other delightful creatures made known to us by the Walt Disney cartoons. There has been such a run on the Shirley Temple dolls that only two are now left for disposal and the Village has also been denuded of its polar bear inhabitants.

Anderson Music Co.

The old question, "What is home without a mother?" might be paralleled with "What is Christmas without music?" Music has always been a concomitant of festivity, especially at the greatest festival of our year, and for those who want music for themselves or others, everything to supply those needs can be found at "Anderson's".

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Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. are making a feature this year of Christmas fare, mainly from their own bakery, in the shape of Melton Mowbray pies and chicken, veal and ham, and game pies, while for those possessing a sweet tooth there are sponge-cakes in a variety of attractive designs, mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes, biscuits and chocolates and fondants. Then, too, there are turkeys—and what turkeys!—the best Australia can produce, specially fed and specially selected, and guaranteed to satisfy the critical palate of any gourmet.

In the toy department will be found a great variety of delightful toys for children of all ages, and a most fascinating range of Mead and Field's Christmas crackers at prices which will compete successfully with any on the market. In the other departments the seeker after presents will find innumerable useful and beautiful articles in silverware and cut glass, also attractive lines of gloves, ties, dressing-gowns etc. for men and a wonderful range of handbags and other dainty articles for women.

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Yee Sang Fat

Messrs. Yee Sang Fat are holding a combined Christmas and Economy Sale, at which many extremely attractive lines of goods at most reasonable prices are being displayed. This being mainly a men's wear store, the sterner sex is chiefly catered for and there should be little difficulty in selecting admirable and useful presents from the stock. There are dressing-gowns and coats (Jaegers' and Morley's), gloves, scarves, shirts, underwear, ties, socks and handkerchiefs and good British shoes. For Christmas there is an excellent display of toys for the little ones, including some really delightful dolls, and a large variety of seasonable woolsies of attractive appearance and price.

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Not least among the good things that make glad the heart of man and are in extra demand at this time of year is the wine of Scotland, and holding an honoured place among the many brands of whisky "frae ayont the Tweed" is the old and well-known favourite "White Horse", the local agents for which are Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co.

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Komor & Komor

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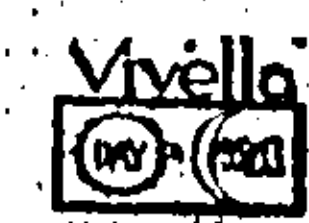
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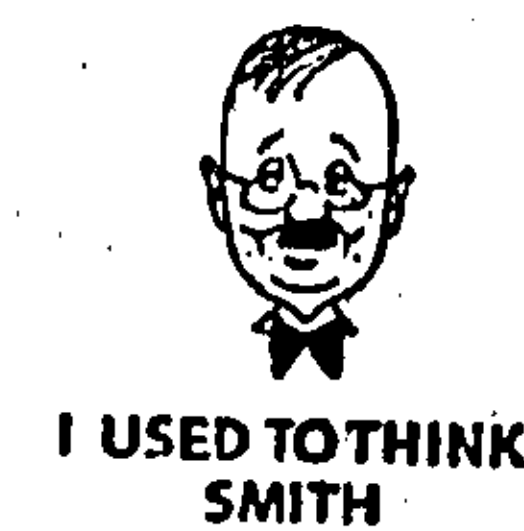
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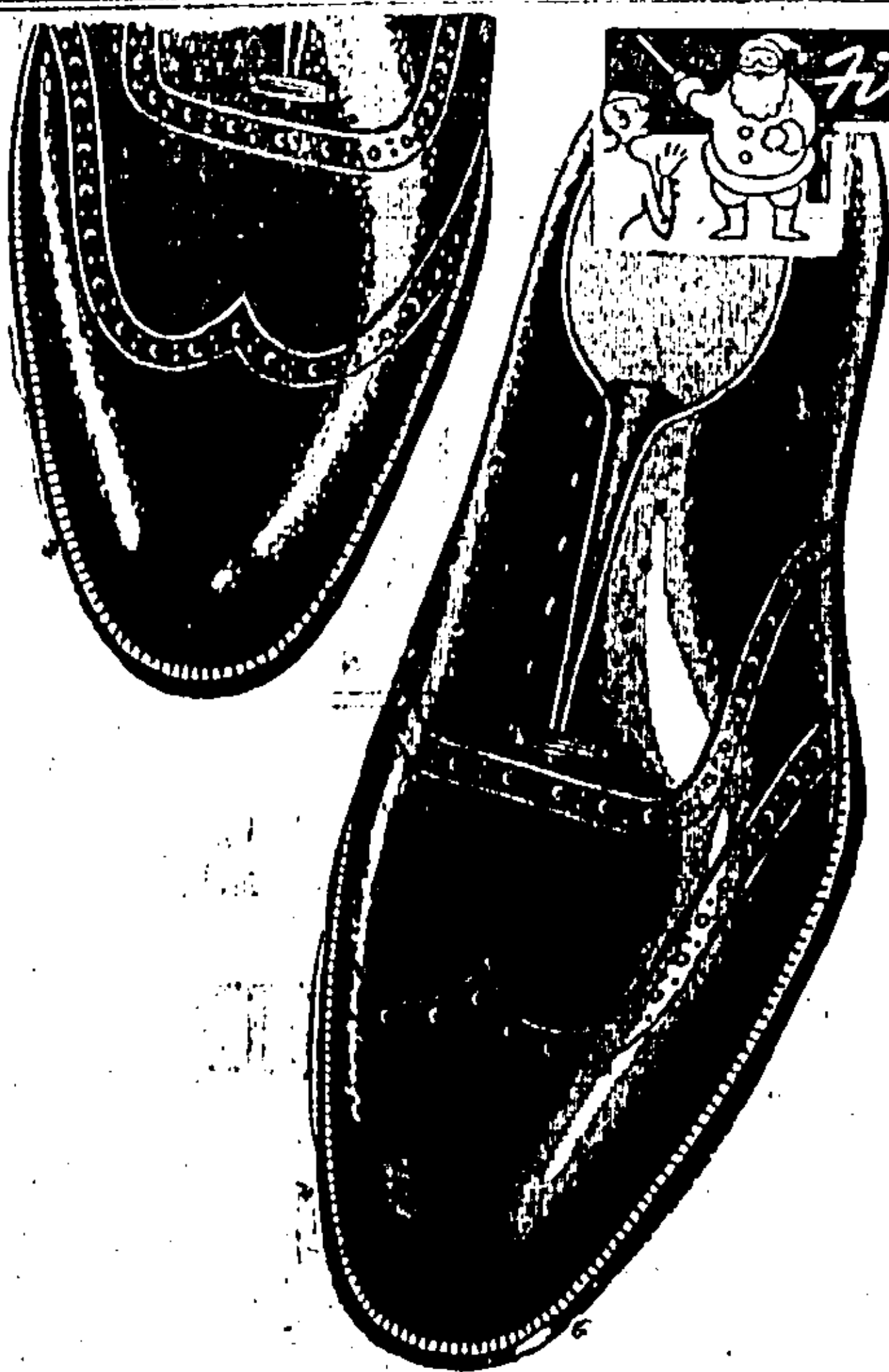
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SIMPLE STORY OF CHRIST'S HOME AT NAZARETH

(By REV. J. N. LEWIS BRYAN)

IN three days' time Christmas Day will be with us once again, with all that it has ever meant, and means, of goodwill and fellowship, spontaneous generosity and simple joy.

My mind goes back to the happy Christmas times I spent in Hong Kong, so different in many ways from those we have in the West. Somehow, for us, Christmas is associated with snow and frost, log-fires, holly and mistletoe, but in the hearts of everyone there is one thought that is always uppermost, and that is the thought of home. No matter where we may be, North, South, East or West, we remember the "old folks," and the days of long ago.

The Christmas story itself—the manger and the swaddling clothes, the Mother and the Baby—all those things speak to us of home. We have seasons when we associate Christ with other things, but we think of Him at this time as the Babe of Bethlehem. We cannot get away from Him at Christmas and even the most cynical and hardened, in his innermost heart, does not really want to.

To Him home meant a tremendous lot. Through all His life and ministry the music of home rings like a sweet refrain. With us as with Him the influence of home is with us all our days. A man may travel across the world, or rise to be the friend of princes, but he cannot escape from his early upbringing. It clings to him either as a sweet fragrance or a clammy vapour. It is a splendid tonic, or an insidious poison. If homes are foolish and uninspiring, if motherhood suggests no lovely things and fatherhood brings back no thought of comradeship, there is something missing that can never be replaced.

Childhood Memories

One of the happiest memories that come back to our minds at Christmas is that of the golden days of our childhood. The care with which we chose or made our little gifts (that really meant something), the joy of hanging up our stockings and wondering what we should find in them when morning dawned, making our decorations for the nursery, the glorious knowledge that, for a day or so at least, no one was too busy to play with us, in fact quite the reverse!

The years have slipped by, we may have homes of our own, and all unconsciously we shall find ourselves reproducing the little customs of our own childhood. Such is the influence of home.

When we look at the life of the Founder of this Day, we cannot escape from the atmosphere of home. The most beautiful parable He ever told was about a son who was a prodigal. The richest and deepest name He had for God was drawn from the same source—"Our Father." Like a great wave the thought of home broke over Him when He saw a widow mourning for her child. It kindled his passion and directed his vision. Even amid the agony of Calvary, and in his hour of pain, the old familiar music was not forgotten.

The melody was born in a lovely home at Nazareth. There are men and women whom we sometimes meet, who suggest to us irresistibly that their home was beautiful. We cannot fail to recognise that touch in Christ. We know very little about His early years, but his whole life spoke of them. The most beautiful homes are usually silent ones and leave no gossip in village chronicles. Their only record is the children's lives, when duty beckons and when the call to battle comes.

The Home At Nazareth

One thing is clear: He was never ashamed of His home. There are sons and daughters who sometimes are, and of their fathers and mothers too. But it was a very old-fashioned home, that one at Nazareth. One of sweet and simple piety. It was a home, like countless others, should we say, in Scotland, where only adornment is the fear of God, but which have sent out sons to teach and preach and heal, or to govern the millions of our Empire possessions. It is not such sons who are ashamed of home. They come back to the cottages where they were born and are proud to call that bent old woman, "Mother." The kind of

children who are ashamed of home, and of a father who may not have enough of his manners, are the children whose infinitely little world is their infinitely little selves. If any of us have ever been guilty of this thing, let us put it right this Christmas Sunday.

Yet home for Christ was not without its temptations. It came to Him in the love of His Mother. It broke her heart that He was running such risks, flinging a defiance at his enemies that could only end in death. She wanted Him back in the quiet peace of Nazareth; and to Christ it must have been a tremendous temptation, for He loved her so.

So there sometimes comes a time in a man's life when home must take a second place. Visions are beckoning—there is a call that will not be denied, and we know that those who love us best cannot bear them, and that they would hold us back, not realising that to stay would be the act of a traitor.

The Lesson of Christmas

How many there are, too, who are misunderstood at home; and there are few things in life that are harder to bear—to get no sympathy, to have no one who really understands, to have cherished friends laughed at. Such happened to the Master too, in that home at Nazareth. Let us remember that fact, if such should be our lot.

There is little doubt that on His shoulders there fell the duty and responsibility of that home when Joseph the Carpenter died. No one knew in all that sleepy hollow what dreams and hopes were burning in His heart; but the devil knew when he tempted Him with kingdoms on the Eve of His ministry. But no matter how He felt or thought, quietly and faithfully He went on with His daily tasks, shouldering his burden without a grouse or grumble.

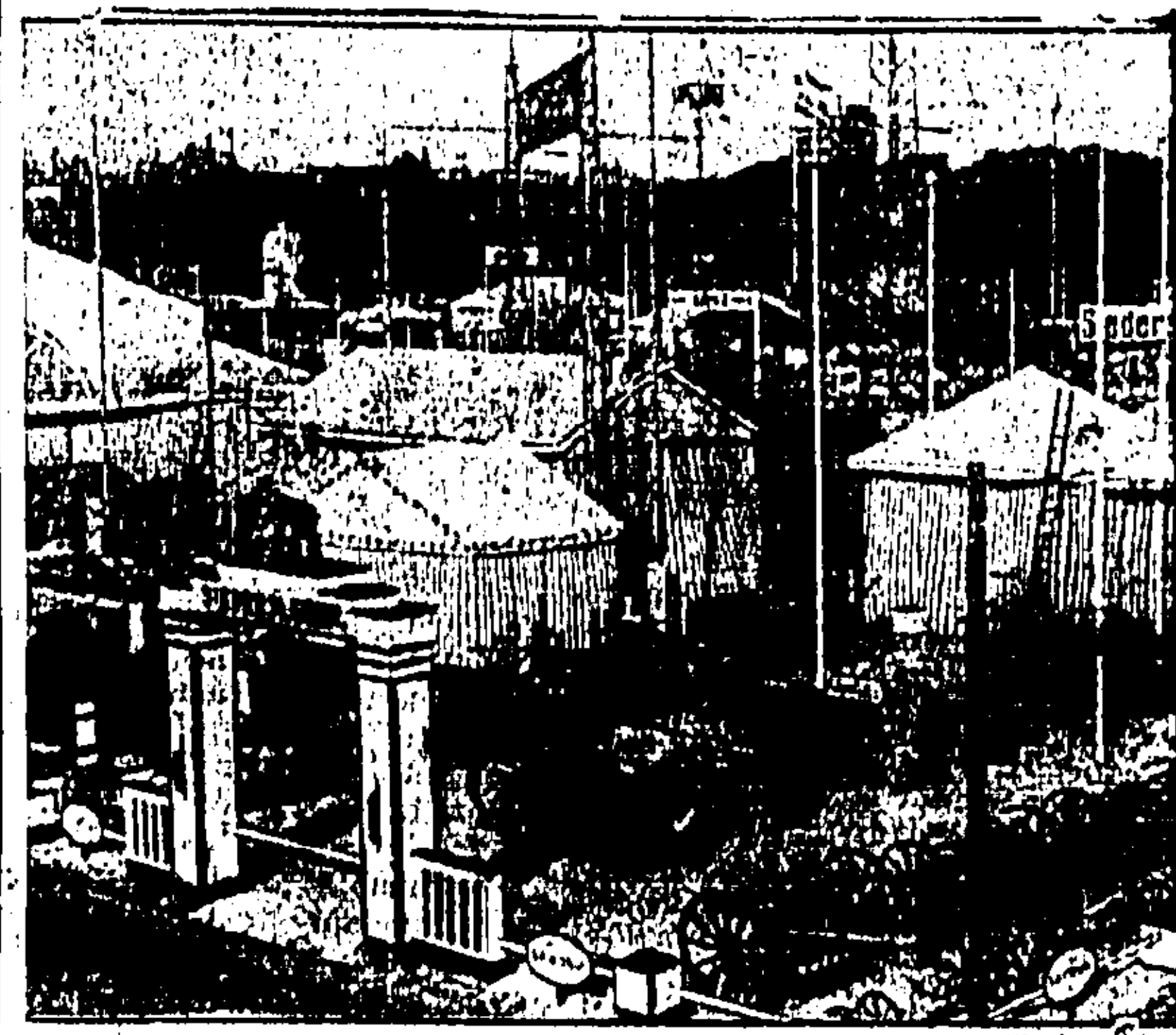
When all the festivities of Christmas are over and done with, back we shall have to go to the daily round and the common task. If we are looking for a happy Christmas and still more for a radiant New Year, (and such is my deepest wish for all my old friends, known and unknown, who may be reading this article), the way we can make sure of it is by determining to carry into them the spirit of Christmas and face up to them with fresh faith and loyalty.

ARE YOU SURE?

1. No; it is the President himself, but it is a rule never to quote the President directly in what he gives out at news conferences.
2. No; the leaps average from 10 to 12 feet.
3. No; France controls about three-fifths of it.
4. No; the square of 11 is 121, and the cube of 5 is 125.
5. Yes; the last official estimate was 485,210,422.
6. Yes; 88 feet a second.
7. No; approximately four-fifths of the world's asbestos comes from Canada.
8. No; after his costly victory over the Romans, near the River Siris, Pyrrhus said: "One more such victory and Pyrrhus is undone."
9. Yes; the official estimate on January 1, 1933, was 41,806,000.
10. Yes; in 1863 an international conference was held at Geneva, at which the procedure in the care of the wounded, etc., was worked out. The flag adopted was the Swiss flag (red field with white cross) with the colours counter-changed.

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More than 8,000 workmen were employed for 12 weeks in the construction of the buildings, seen above, for the Second Agricultural Exhibition, recently held at Hamburg.

Marriage And Divorce In Russia

Moscow. HOW many persons are being married and how many divorced in Soviet Russia, as a result of unique marriage and divorce regulations introduced by the Bolshevik regime?

The answers to this and other important questions—which are entirely unknown at present—will be learned when a comprehensive census, the first undertaken in Russia, is completed several months hence.

The Soviet Government takes a population census every year. Through the universal passport system reintroduced in 1933, this is not difficult. The population was 168,000,000 on January 1, 1934, and on January 1 of this year had reached 171,000,000.

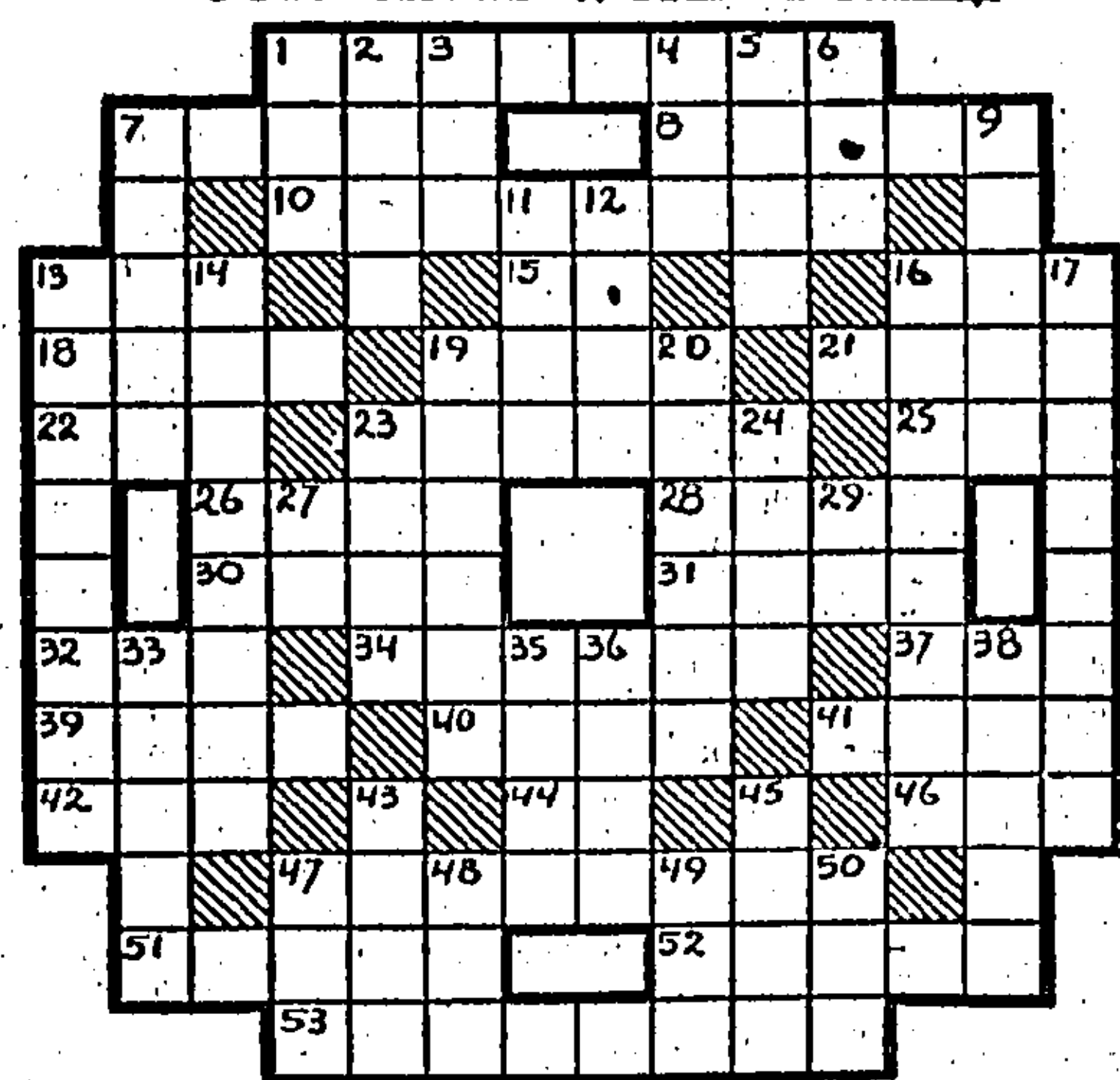
More Comprehensive But this year's census is much more comprehensive than any yet taken. The Government now intends to check the results of the numerous social and economic experiments initiated in 1917 and since. A special Census Bureau has been set up to co-operate with police and passport officials in obtaining thorough information about every Soviet citizen.

To one unfamiliar with Soviet regulations, for example, it might seem simple to tabulate the number of marriages and divorces. But there are two kinds of marriages in Russia, registered and unregistered, and the State has no record of the latter, which are equally legal. Any man and woman who desire to marry are free to do so without registering the marriage.

The writer recently visited

should be discarded.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Reverse
- 7-Accord
- 8-Bond Income (Fr.)
- 10-Venereal
- 12-Make a mistake
- 15-Indefinite article
- 16-Tablet
- 18-Digits
- 19-Make a mistake
- 21-Scottish language
- 22-Female sheep
- 23-One who makes a loan
- 25-Ever (cont.)
- 26-College official
- 28-A torment
- 30-A metal
- 31-Top of the head
- 32-Feminine suffix
- 34-Closer
- 37-Scold
- 39-Examine

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 40-River in Lorraine and S. Prussia
- 41-Not busy
- 42-Besides
- 44-Into
- 45-Borrowful
- 47-Defence
- 51-Product
- 52-Enormous (Obs.)
- 53-Young frogs

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Eon
- 14-Containing most seeds
- 16-Felony
- 17-Crazed
- 19-A game
- 20-A condiment
- 23-River in N. France
- 24-Construct
- 27-Comparative suffix
- 29-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 33-In want
- 35-Merit
- 36-Part of the arm
- 38-To warn of danger
- 39-Girl's name
- 46-Eagle
- 47-Berles
- 48-Augment
- 49-A fish
- 50-Maritime

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CHRISTMAS TABLEAUX

Entertainment At The Cathedral

DELIGHTFUL PICTURES BY SMALL CHILDREN

A most delightful series of Christmas tableaux were presented by the children of St. John's Cathedral Sunday School before a large audience of parents, children and others at the Cathedral Hall yesterday evening. The audience also included a number of Chinese worshippers at the Cathedral.

In addition to the five Tableaux specially evolved for the occasion by Colonel Johnson, covering every phase of the story of the Virgin Birth, a number of Carols, new and old, were sung by the Choir of the Cathedral. Among these were three specially written by Colonel Johnson and set to music by Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, organist of the Cathedral. At intervals in the programme of the entertainment extracts from the Christmas story, as to be found in the Gospel according to St. Luke, were read, first in Chinese and then in English.

The Tableaux were produced by Mrs. Baskett, and were most tastefully devised. To Messrs. G. Milbank and R. C. Butler must go the credit for the attractive stage settings and lighting; while the beautiful costumes were devised by Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. De Villio. Special thanks are due to Miss Bockno and Mrs. Kenyon, who coached the "very small children" in their altogether delightful singing of "Away in a Manger."

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Two Excellent School Magazines

ADMIRABLE WORK BY STUDENTS

We offer a hearty welcome to "The Lion," the organ of the Central British School, the 1934-35 issue of which has just reached us. It contains a quite remarkable amount of matter contributed by the school-children themselves, including poetry, sketches, articles and a really excellent parody of Mr. Herbert's "Topsy," whose comment on the cries of "lickshaw missco" with which she was greeted at the ferry wharf is "my dear, too canine." The volume also contains a full record of the activities of the school during the year, and is altogether an admirable production.

Very much the same can be said of the "King's College Magazine" for December. Here again are a number of efforts by the pupils, in serious and lighter vein. In particular the essay entitled "The Harpist," presumably the unaided work of one of the pupils who hides his identity behind the letters "K. T. Y." is a well-written and charming bit of prose, filled with personality and originality.

These two magazines irresistibly suggest that great care is taken in the two schools represented to foster a love of the English language among the pupils. This excellent aim cannot receive too much encouragement; and while its results show such remarkable promise, it will be thoroughly welcomed by all who have the welfare of our school-children at heart.

"CINDERELLA"

Presented By Kowloon Tong School

CHILDREN PLAY PARTS VERY WELL

For the Christmas breaking up of the Kowloon Tong Branch of the Diocesan Girls' School the children presented the play "Cinderella," with Moira Patey in the title part and Jill Lawrence as Prince Charming.

The little artistes were totally devoid of self-consciousness, while their enunciation and gestures were also carried out well. Winifred White and Daphne Long played the parts of the Ugly Sisters with remarkable understanding. The parts of the Fairy Godmother and Herald were played by Joyce Peters and George Guest, respectively.

Others who took part were Claire Routley, Lawrence Becker,



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ILLCIT ARMS

Maximum Sentence On Soldier

THIRD CASE IN ONE MONTH

"I don't like it at all. I think we've got to discourage this sort of thing. I shall have to give him the maximum within my power. Fined \$1,000 or twelve months," said Mr. Wynne-Jones in dealing with Lau Kan-sau, a Chinese soldier, who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with having in his possession one automatic pistol and six rounds of ammunition on board the s.s. Tak Sang on Friday.

Detective-Sergt. Riddle, who was in charge of the case for the Police, said that this was the third case of its kind that they had had within a month, adding that the defendant probably knew that his baggage would be searched, as he had the pistol in his coat pocket.

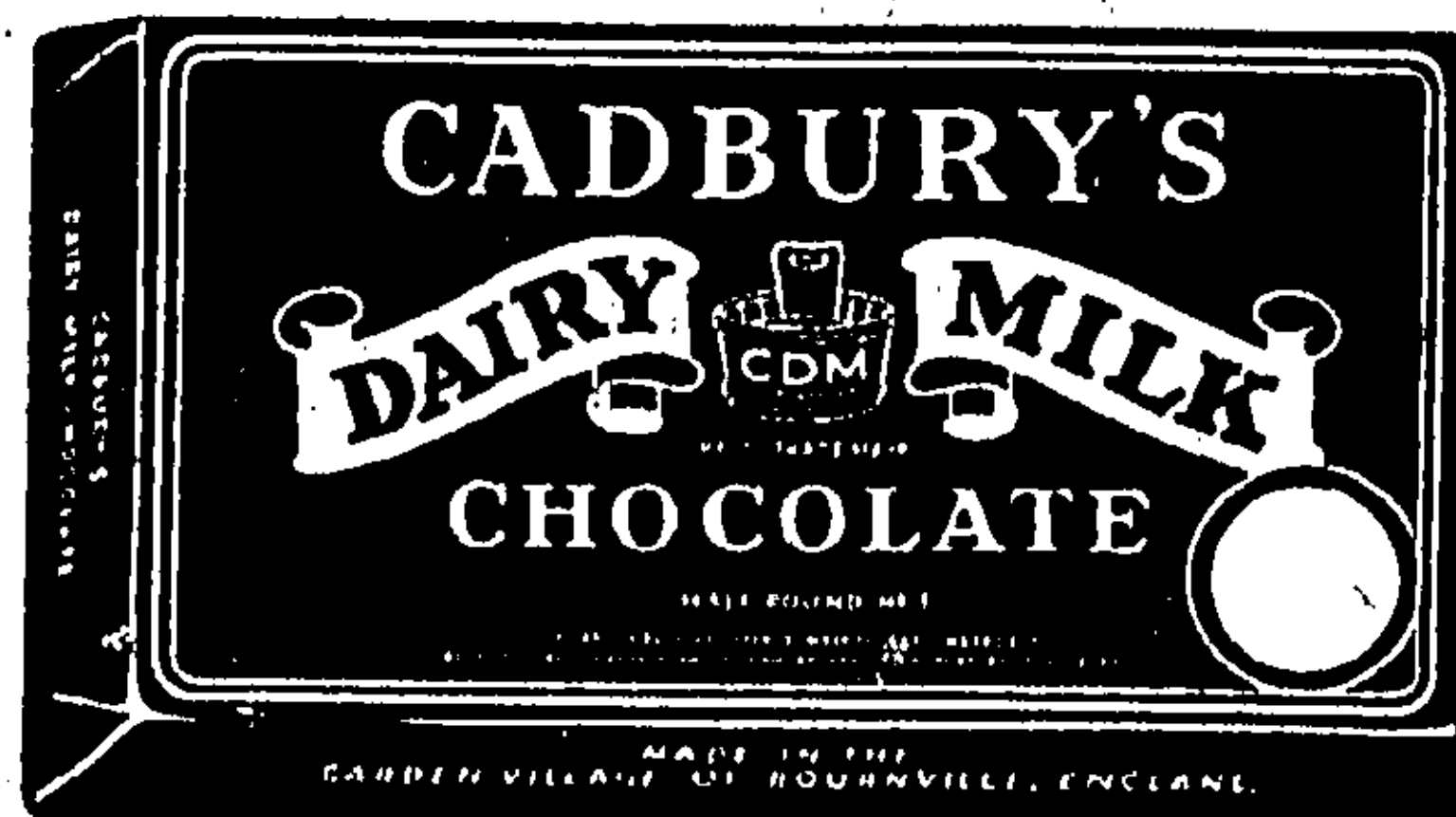
Continuing, the officer said that the defendant had told the Police that he was going to Swatow to see if he could join the 9th Regiment there. Regarding the pistol, defendant said that it had been given to him by his captain's elder brother's wife.

Asked if he had anything to say, defendant replied that he was an ex-Communist soldier, and that he did not know the regulations here.

Barbara Roe, Eric Guest, Clive Quie, Charles Fuller, Pauline Long and Daphne Peters. At the end of the play all the children joined in the singing of Christmas carols, the function concluding with the children distributing gifts, tied to a Christmas Tree, to their parents. About 60 adults attended, and evidently greatly appreciated the efforts of the children.

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LADY SOUTHERN CONFOUNDS THE CRITICS

(By A.E.L.)

THE year 1935, despite the depression, has been a triumphant one for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, who concluded their season last Saturday. A definite all-round improvement was noticeable—the standard of riding, the feeling between jockeys, the track (thanks to Mr. T. E. Pearce, Clerk of the Course, and Mr. Kinchin), the starting by Mr. Alec Potts, and the Russian trainers, who are now proving that the extra investment is very well worthwhile.

Mr. Leo Frost headed the jockeys' list for the fifth time in the past six years, recording 50 winners as against Mr. D. Black's 19! Mr. L. Dunbar, whose Liberty Bay retained his unbeaten record, besides winning the coveted Champion Stakes, again headed the winning owners with a five-win margin over Mr. Dynasty, while Mr. Li Shiu Pang was the leading Chinese owner.

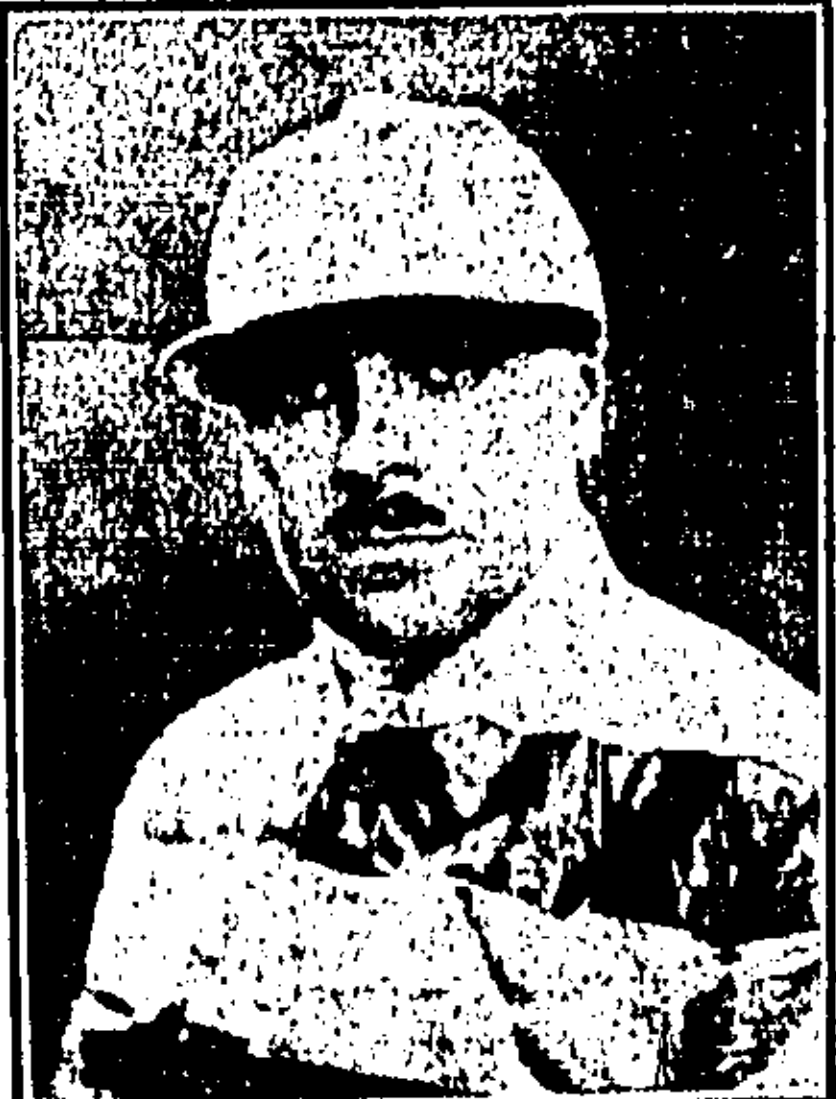
The highest dividend of the year was returned by Touchstone (Mr. Proulx) — \$495.10, while the combination of Great Hall and Plain View paid \$1,416.80 on the "daily double."

Thirteen records were shattered and two equalled—three records by China ponies, while all Australian track marks were lowered!

The most exciting race of all was that between Bobnik Star and Vixen Tor, when the latter came up from some 10 lengths behind in the home stretch to win the Coogee Handicap over six furlongs by threequarters of a length in 1.13.2. Able Amazon's defeat at the hands of Bag Tor in the Brisbane Handicap was hardly sensational in that the better pony lost owing to a mistake by a new rider.

Though we lost Mr. Johnnie Heard, it was with pleasure that we welcomed back Mr. L. P. Ralph to the ranks of the more seasoned riders. During the second half he was looked upon as a definite rival to Mr. Frost for the honour of being the most successful rider of Australian ponies. Mr. H. C. Pih, one of the few Northern

The most improved jockey of the year was undoubtedly Mr. D. Black, but, though he made amazing progress on his 1934 form, he would do well to remember that the last quarter does not constitute a race. He has developed a very fine finish, but is at present too inclined to rely solely on the run home. Many would have liked to have seen Mr. E. O. Butler figure higher up in the list, but lack of concentration and practice caused his decline. Among the novices Mr. Choy Wing-chiu looked as good as any. He should, however, ride more often in races, as he has a promising future ahead of him. His brother, W. H. Choy, was also one of the leading novices, and now needs only two more wins to graduate. Mr. G. R. Cheape, who has the horse style, should do well when he adapts himself to the China pony.



Mr. Leo Frost, above, has been placed 471 times in 825 starts during his stay in the Colony. This represents a percentage of 57.09!

Jockeys to come south for the Annual Meeting, became a resident rider, and Mr. Gus da Roza rode more often than he did in 1934. It was unfortunate that illness robbed the track of two popular riders in Messrs. Bob Charles and Gilbert Harriman, and it was pleasing to see the latter turn out at the last two meetings, after a home leave.

It was refreshing to see local owners relying more on Colony jockeys at the Annual Meeting. Fewer Northern riders made the trip and those that did were given a surprise by the local men!



Mr. Li Tuo Fong, above, ranked fourth in the owners' list for 1935.



China Ponies

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Ace of Aces	0	1	0	5
Adventurer	0	0	0	5
Arctic Star	0	0	0	6
Attention	0	0	0	6
Bayardo	3	0	0	0
Belgium's Luck	2	1	1	10
Belmont Star	3	2	2	9
Blare	1	4	3	6
Blacksmith	0	1	1	12
Bold Captain	1	1	2	8
Bold Colonel	0	0	0	3
Bold Major	0	1	1	12
Bonny Dundee	2	0	1	5
Boxing Eve	0	2	1	2
Bright Star	0	1	2	10
Budge	0	0	0	4
Cavalade	2	1	1	7
Chateau Bay	0	0	1	3
Cheriff	0	0	0	5
Chilvarous	1	0	0	1
Chow Min	0	0	0	5
Clear View	0	2	0	5
Clyde	0	0	0	5
Copper Idol	1	2	3	10
Coppermill	0	0	1	12
Cossack's Beauty	2	4	1	5
Daylight Eye	0	1	1	4
Delightful Chance	0	1	0	0
Diana Bay	2	0	0	1
Diogenes	0	0	2	12
Don	0	0	2	8
Double Chance	2	1	4	10
Ebony	0	0	0	1
Emergency Call	2	2	2	12
Entertainment Tax	0	0	0	1
Estover	0	0	0	8
Estrellita	0	0	0	1
Felbridge	0	0	0	5
Festival Eve	0	0	0	1
Fl-Fa	0	0	0	1
Flamingo	0	0	2	12
Flirt	1	0	1	9
Flybynight	1	1	3	16
Flying Tourist	0	0	1	12
Forgemaster	0	1	0	9
Forget-me-not	0	0	1	7
Fudge	1	0	1	8
Glad Eyes	0	0	0	1
Gay Crusader	1	0	0	1
Glad	0	0	2	5
Gladiator	3	4	0	5
Glencroft	0	0	0	1
Glittering Glory	0	0	0	2
Gold Bullion	1	1	0	14
Gold Coin	3	1	1	9
Gold Currency	0	0	0	3
Gold Dust	0	0	0	10
Gold Flecker	0	0	0	4
Gold Star	0	0	0	1
Great Hall	2	5	1	10
Half Moon	0	0	0	6
Harvest View	2	2	2	7
Heart's Desire	0	0	0	5
Heart's Glory	0	1	1	7
Helluvafella	0	0	0	7
Helter Skelter	0	0	1	0
Herod	2	4	3	6
Heron	0	0	0	2
High Tor	0	0	0	2
High Honour	2	4	2	7
High Principle	0	2	1	6
High Speed	1	2	1	7
High West	1	2	1	7
Hydroplane	0	0	0	2
Independence Day	0	0	0	7
In Good Time	1	2	2	9
Invermark	0	0	0	7
Invincible Knight	2	0	0	8
Iron Cross	0	0	0	3
Iron Grey	2	0	0	10
Jolly Eyes	0	0	0	10
Jungle Jim	2	1	3	4
King's Bounty	2	1	1	4
King's Jubilee	1	1	2	4
King's Justice	3	3	2	5
King's Parade	1	1	3	12
King's Warden	3	4	3	0
King's Worlthy	0	0	0	3
Latitad	0	0	0	3

MR. FROST'S 50 WINNERS

Seven Successes Recorded On Liberty Bay

Mr. Leo Frost's 50 winners were: Liberty Bay (7), Pontiac Bay (4), Mistake Bay (4), Able Amazon (3), King's Jubilee (3), Oak Bay (3), Seventeenth of September (3), Diana Bay (2), The Tiger (2), Valorous (2), and The Chetah, Touchstone, Favor, mark, Flirt, Lion-Hunter, King's Bounty, King's Justice, Bold Captain, Double Chance, Bobnik Star, King's Fancy, Great Hall, Helman, Snowy River, Cold Morning, Pride of Tsingtao and Gladiator one each.

Australian Ponies

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl
Able Amazon	5	1	0	0
Alacrity	0	2	2	0
Atlas	0	0	3	4
Australian Boy	1	2	2	6
Bagi Umpat	0	0	0	2
Bag Tor	2	2	4	3
Bobnik Star	2	2	0	4
Bronze Era	0	0	0	1
Cold Morning	0	0	0	7
Derby Day	2	1	0	11
Empire Day	0	1	0	3
Fairy	0	0	0	2
Flummary	0	0	0	1
Goldsmith	2	2	0	8
Got That	1	5	1	2
Halcyon	1	1	0	4
High Finance	0	0	0	1
Julius Caesar	0	0	1	8
Just That	1	0	0	0
Lady Whitta	0	0	0	3
Lazy Lady	0	0	0	1
Midnight Star	0	1	1	4
Mount Pilatus	2	1	1	4
Mutiny Bay	1	0	1	3
Nell Gwyn	1	4	2	3
Night Star	0	0	0	1
Portia	0	0	0	1
Racing Heart	2	2	2	5
Racing Lass	0	0	0	5
Rose Ann	2	1	0	4
Saucy Face	1	3	0	7
Shooting Star	1	1	6	1
Snowy River	2	1	4	3
Soldier of Australia	0	0	0	1
Southern Cross	2	0	1	8
St. Joan	0	1	1	7
Streamline	0	1	1	7
The Bean Goose	0	2	1	2
The Griffe	0	0	0	4
The Goose	0	0	0	4
The Maori	0	0	0	5
The Star	0	0	0	2
Tixton	0	0	0	3
Vixen Tor	3	1	0	8
Woodland Stag	0	2	0	6
Young Captain	0	0	0	2

Winning Owners

	1st	2nd	3rd
L. Dunbar	21	7	4
Dynasty	16	13	15
Li Shiu Pang	14	11	9
L. T. F.	12	17	7
Lan	11	15	16
Hem	11	7	1
Mrs. Pearce	7	4	4
Eu Tong Sen	6	6	7
L. Reidy	6	3	9
Fatahan	6	1	0
Mrs. E. H. M. Tinson	5	3	4
Dr. Lee Shiu Kee	4	4	7
Teater & Abraham	4	4	5
Why	4	1	1
Leong Kwok Cheong	4	1	2
E. S. K.	3	6	2
Kong Bros.	3	3	6
Dr. J. C. Macgown	3	1	1
Kwok Hin Wang	3	1	0
Mackie and Grayburn	2	6	7
Seth	2	5	2
Pau	2	2	2
H. J. Law	2	2	2
C. N. K.	2	2	1
Li and L's	2	1	5
V. M. Grayburn	2	1	3
Dr. S. N. Chau	2	1	0
British	2	0	0
Helenside	2	0	0
Miss Y. Shenton	2	0	0
Leo	2	0	0
Choice	2	0	0
H. A. Browning	1	3	0
Bellamy & Gordon	1	2	2
Lewis & Tinson	1	2	2
E. L. Ho	1	2	2
A. M. L. Soares	1	2	1
Mrs. Mackie	1	2	1
Wong Ping Shing	1	2	0
Hope Gill	1	2	0
S. L. K.	1	1	6
Finder	1	1	4
K. Neckelman	1	1	1
G. W. W. Morris	1	1	0
Lady Southern	1	1	0
P. Lebel	1	1	0
Rojan	1	1	0
C. B. Brown	1	0	3
Li Po Chun	1	0	3
Dr. S. To Wong	1	0	2
W. H. S. Davis	1	0	2
J. F. Macgregor	1	0	2
Uster	1	0	1
Ho Kom Tong	1	0	1
C. S. Wong	1	0	1
Li and Ho	1	0	0
Mrs. Stephen Lam	1	0	0
J. B. Harrison	1	0	0
H. Y. Liang	1	0	0
Raymond	1	0	0
H. Y. Liang	1	0	0
Lee and Ho	1	0	0
Chiu	1	0	0
Fai	1	0	0
S. L. Yuen	1	0	0
Li Bros.	0	2	3
Wing	0	2	1
Hai and Shenton	0	2	1
Manx	0	2	1
Mrs. D. J. Lewis	0	2	0
Longfellow	0	2	0
Weken	0	1	1
L. F. C.	0	1	1
Tally Ho	0	1	1
Laurels	0	1	0
Wong Sul-Ngau	0	1	0
Miss Joan Dowbigg	0	1	0
John Peel	0	1	0
Mrs. Lee Shiu Kee	0	1	0
Chiu Cheong Fan	0	1	0
L. Liang	0	1	0
Stephen Lam	0	0	2
Wong Chi Po	0	0	1
Chan Wing Yung	0	0	1
Harbinger	0	0	1
Mrs. Tinson	0	0	1
Major C. Boyd Shannon	0	0	1
Ip Koi Ying	0	0	1
Sturt & Lebel	0	0	1
Young Bros.	0	0	1

Complete 1935 Jockeys' List

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un
L. G. Frost	50	25	21	69
D. Black	19	17	12	59
N. Deits	17	22	18	52
H. G. de Rosa	14	21	22	55
W. H. S. Davis	10	7	14	49
V. V. Needs	9	9	0	15
F. Marshall	8	5	8	16
E. O. Butler	7	13	8	67
Y. T. Fung	7	3	8	66
P. P. Botelho	6	8	12	69
B. Y. Liang	6	0	13	49
L. P. Ralph	5	6	6	62
Tang Man Wa	5	4	3	25
B. L. Tao	4	6	0	55
C. Encarnacao	4	4	1	18
D. S. Li	4	3	10	15
W. H. Choy	4	2	4	34
F. F. Li	3	0	2	23
G. Neugebauer	3	0	5	31
S. Y. Sun	3	3	4	34
G. R. Cheape	2	3	2	18
A. J. P. Heard	2	1	3	23
R. M. Wood	2	1	0	19
C. Taylor	2	1	0	26
S. N. Pan	1	2	0	17
H. K. T. Ho	1	0	3	23
H. A. de B. Botelho	1	0	1	6
S. L. Yuen	1	0	0	1
G. P. Ferguson	1	0	0	1
K. I. Ip	0	0	2	4

Phlinderer	1	1	1	8	The Cheekah	1	1	1	0
Plain View	1	0	3	13	The Dermator	0	4	4	12
Pontlake	0	0	0	0	The Minax	0	0	0	5
Prize Star	0	1	0	14	The Oquaduan	0	0	0	9
Pride of Taingtao	3	0	2	5	The Rals Gauge	1	1	1	9
Prima Donna	0	0	0	2	The Snipe	0	0	0	8
Propitious Time	1	0	3	9	The Tiger	3	2	4	8
Racing Boy	2	2	3	6	Tullius	1	1	0	6
Ribble	2	3	3	5	Tin Ho	2	0	1	9
Rose Queen	3	2	5	13	Tiny Star	2	2	1	9
Rousseau	0	0	2	13	Touchstone	2	0	0	11
Royal Romance	0	0	1	10	Trant	0	0	0	9
Sacajawea	0	0	0	2	Trenthridge	1	0	1	0
Sadko	1	2	2	6	Trowbridge	0	0	0	11
Sarabande	0	2	0	9	Truett	0	0	0	11
Sel-Fa	1	2	2	8	Valley View	2	3	1	10
Seventeenth of Sept.	3	0	0	7	Valorous	2	2	1	14
Silver Fox	0	0	0	1	Victoria Hall	2	1	1	12
Socrates	0	0	0	2	Voltair	0	0	0	5
Sold Star	0	0	2	7	Wadebridge	5	3	2	4
Soldier of Britain	3	1	2	3	Warrington	1	1	1	9
Soldier of China	2	2	0	11	Warrior of a Nation	0	0	0	2
Soldier of Fortune	0	0	0	3	Wayward Stag	0	0	0	9
Soldier of Germany	1	1	0	8	Wemby Slag	2	0	0	3
Soldier of Honour	2	0	0	2	West Parade	1	0	0	10
Soldier of Mongolia	0	0	0	0	What About That	0	0	1	2
Soldier of Peace	3	7	4	4	What A Chance	1	2	3	8
Soldier of Russia	0	0	0	6	What's The Time	0	0	1	10
Soldier of Victory	2	1	4	6	Winkfield	0	0	0	11
Spinaway	0	1	1	5	Yancy	0	0	0	5
Sports Idol	0	0	0	3	Yankee Champ	1	2	3	6
St. Ives	0	0	0	6	Ythan	1	7	3	7
Strathairn	1	0	1	9	Zero	3	0	3	3
Strathairn	1	0	1	9					

BETTER RIDING AND TRAINING

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the year! Reported to have been a "stinker," Halcyon is now a dangerous pony over a mile!

Wadebridge Supreme

There could be no doubt whatever that Mr. Pearce's Wadebridge was the best sub. of the season as the result of his clean sweep in the second half of the season. Mr. Kwok Hin-wang's Seventeenth of September would, however, have extended him in the Champions, which was run in the slow time of 2.41.2. In so far as the Australians were concerned, Mr. L. Reidy's Cold Morning, on his best running, was outstanding. He always seemed to produce his best form in the big races. Mrs. Tinson's Vixen Tor is also a "class" animal—it is doubtful whether Able Amazon could hold her off over five or six furlongs.

Mr. Hem's Herod, when fit, was the outstanding griffin, but for consistency Mr. Dynasty's King's Jubilee was the best, with Mr. L. Dunbar's Pontine Bay a close second.

Better Facilities Needed

The "daily double" proved a great success, and has definitely come to stay—so popular is it that better facilities for betting are now urgently required.

Most of the jockeys are turning to badminton to keep them fit, and the spirit of that game is improving the spirit in the jockey room, one of the most pleasing features in a year that has shown a general improvement in all departments of the Club.



Mr. R. M. Wood, above, recorded the first two wins of his career during the 1935 season.

Below will be found interesting 1935 statistics.

MR. TANG GRADUATES

The following is the list of Novice Jockeys who have recorded at least one win to date:—

Messrs. F. F. Li (9), G. W. Sewell (9), W. H. Choy (8), Yue Shun Wa (6), C. Taylor (5), H. A. de Botelho (3), W. G. Fischer (3), G. R. Cheung (2), G. P. Ferguson (2), Dr. J. C. Macgown (2), H. P. Rees (2), R. M. Wood (2), K. W. Fung (1), Ho Sai Man (1), W. W. Miles (1), H. V. Pearce (17), Yeung Wing Sing (1), F. Lobel (1), and W. G. Poy.

Mr. Tang Man Wa was the only Novice to "win his spurs" during the year under review, recording his tenth win (on Locksley Hall) at the Fourteenth Extra Race Meeting, held on December 14.

MR. FROST'S FINE RECORD

The following is Mr. Leo Frost's complete riding record in the Colony:—

1929	29	1	3	5
1930	29	1	9	49
1931	44	14	23	56
1932	57	33	26	70
1933	44	31	23	67
1934	12	7	2	28
1935	50	25	21	69

Totals 236 129 107 354
He was champion jockey in 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933 and, after a spell of home leave, he is again champion this year.

THIRTEEN RECORDS LOWERED

China Ponies

5 FURLONGS
1.09.2—Oak Bay (Mr. L. G. Frost) in the Shek Pai Handicap.

ONCE ROUND

1.44.4—Soldier of Britain (Mr. S. Y. Sun) in the Ladies' Purse.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2.12.2—Ribble (Mr. V. V. Needa) in the Happy Valley Spring Handicap.

Australian Ponies

5 FURLONGS
1.03.3—Shooting Star (Mr. H. C. Pih) in the Victoria Park Handicap.

1.02.3—Able Amazon (Mr. L. G. Frost) in the Corroboree Handicap.

6 FURLONGS

1.19.3—Dorby Day (Mr. H. C. Pih) equalled record in the Sydney



Mr. L. Dunbar, above, was again the winning owner.

Maiden Stakes.
1.17.2—Bobinlak Star (Mr. D. S. Li) in the Coral Plate.

1 MILE

1.47.3—Cold Morning (Mr. Y. T. Fung) equalled record in the Perth Plate.

1.46.3—Able Amazon (Mr. E. O. Butler) in the Moonie Ponds Handicap.

1.45.0—Saucy Face (Mr. H. C. Pih) in the Broken Hill Handicap.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.59.3—Able Amazon (Mr. D. S. Li) in the Melbourne Cup.

1.58.3—Racing Heart (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) in the Adelaide Stakes.

1 1/4 MILES

2.13.3—Able Amazon (Mr. D. S. Li) in the Australian Championships.

1 1/2 MILES

2.48.0—Cold Morning (Mr. Y. T. Fung) in the Rotoy-Hill Derby.

1 3/4 MILES

3.17.2—Cold Morning (Mr. L. G. Frost) in the Freemantle St. Leger.

Every 1934 Australian record was shattered.

THREE-FIGURE DIVIDENDS

\$495.10—Touchstone (Proulx) Blue Pool Handicap.

\$357.50—Australian Boy (Davis) Canterbury Park Handicap.

\$344.00—Strathaird (Neugebauer) The Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes.

\$258.10—Wadebridge (Butler) Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap.

\$234.90—Strathaird (Black) Stonecutters Stakes.

\$275.00—Glad Eyes (F. F. Li) Jordan Handicap.

\$241.00—Gold Picker (Tao) The Governor's Cup.

\$218.90—Cossack's Beauty (Liang) The Hong Kong Handicap.

\$232.60—Soldier of Peace (Tang) Man-wa Carnarvon Handicap.

\$211.60—Night Star (Ralph) Nullah Nullah Handicap.

\$198.30—Festival Eve (Yuen) Tai-po Handicap.

\$196.80—Bayardo (Black) New Zealand Handicap.

\$187.20—Gold Bullion (Neugebauer) Swatow Handicap.

\$157.40—Rousseau (Needa) The Maiden Stakes.

\$144.60—High Speed (Rosa) Connaught Handicap.

\$143.40—High Honour (Tao) The Maiden Stakes.

\$117.50—Copper Idol (K. I. Lo) Tai-po Handicap.

\$107.00—Delightful Chance (Sun) The Royal Navy Cup.

\$102.00—Plain View (Liang) Kwangtung Handicap.

THREE-FIGURE "DOUBLES"

\$1,416.80—Great Hall and Plain View.

\$1,190.20—Wadebridge and Valley View.

\$1,152.80—What A Chance and Monoplane and \$128.00 What A Chance and Soldier of Peace.

\$891.70—Victoria Hall and Saucy Face.

CHINA PONIES

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ONCE ROUND

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Mr. Gilbert Harriman, above, is the new owner of King's Justice.



KWANTI RACE SELECTIONS

The following are to-day's selections for the Kwanti Race Meeting, in connection with which much interest will be centred on the St. John's Cup sweep which will be decided on the second race:—

Race 1

Empire Day
Flammy
Helinda

Race 2

Daylight Eve
Tom Cobley
Racing Plack

Race 3

Pride of Tsingtao
Soldier of Italy
Burgomaster

Race 4

Dlogenes
The Bogle
Nebular Star

Race 5

Festival Eve
Jack O'Lantern
Wakefield

Race 6

Jack Scott
Glenahoe
Malakit

The St. John's Cup Sweep will be drawn this morning at 11 a.m., at the Kwanti Race Course.



\$725.10—Pacific Hall and High Speed.

\$486.20—Herod and Foxbridge.

\$129.20—Locksley Hall and Valorous.

\$332.30—Mistake Bay and Festival Eve (pool carried forward owing to no one being on Night Star and Beginner's Luck).

\$182.90—Mount Pilatus and Harvest View.

\$108.10—Pride of Tsingtao and High West (pool carried forward owing to no one being on Soldier of Peace and Strathaird).

BIG RACE WINNERS

Champion Stakes 1 1/4 Miles -- Mr. L. Dunbar's Liberty Bay (Mr. L. G. Frost).

Hong Kong Derby 1 1/2 Miles -- Mr. Hem's Herod (Mr. W. H. S. Davis).

Hong Kong St. Leger 1 1/4 Miles -- Mr. Dynast's King's Jubilee (Mr. G. U. da Roza).

Hong Kong Autumn Champions -- Mr. Dynast's King's Warden (Mr. G. U. da Roza).

Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup 1 1/4 Miles -- Mr. Kwok Hin Wang's Seventeenth of September (Mr. L. G. Frost).

Professional Cup and Subscription Griffins' Champions 1 1/4 Miles -- Mr. Kwok Hin Wang's Seventeenth of September (Mr. L. G. Frost).

Sub-Griffins St. Leger 1 1/4 Miles -- Mrs. Pearce's Wadebridge (Mr. G. U. da Roza).

Hong Kong Autumn Subscription Griffins' Champions -- Mrs. Pearce's Wadebridge (Mr. G. U. da Roza).

The Rotoy-Hill Derby 1 1/2 Miles -- Mr. L. Reidy's Cold Morning (Mr. Y. T. Fung).

Australian Ponies' Champions 1 1/4 Miles -- Mr. Fatsan's Able Amazon (Mr. D. S. Li).

Freemantle St. Leger 1 1/4 Miles -- Mr. L. Reidy's Cold Morning (Mr. L. G. Frost).

Queensland Autumn Champions -- Mr. Fatsan's Able Amazon (Mr. L. G. Frost).

BIG STAKES WINNERS

The following ponies have won over \$10,000 in stakes money:

CHINA PONIES

Liberty Bay \$30,073

Diana Bay \$29,003

Glenagles \$24,000

Hestman \$21,186

Racing Eve \$20,062

Sadko \$17,005

Trentbridge \$17,054

Pride of Tsingtao \$16,822

King's Justice \$14,582

King's Bounty \$14,473

Racing Boy \$13,500

Valorous \$13,475

Blaise \$10,500

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Woodland Star \$18,450

Able Amazon \$12,642

Night Star \$11,180



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.s).

Christmas Service from St. John's Cathedral. Studio Recital.

9.10-10 a.m.—A Relay of the Military Parade Service from St. John's Cathedral.

10 a.m.—Close Down.

11-12.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Morning Service from St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

12.15-2.30 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.

'Suite Iberia' (Albeniz, arr. Arbus) Danza. Espanola (Granados) A Concert

Songs—

My Lovely Cella (arr. Lane Wilson) Pastoral (arr. Lane Wilson)

Ellenboth Schuman (Soprano) Cello Solos—

Serenade ("Hasan") (Delius) Melody (Daves)

Songs—

Song of the Flea (Moussorgsky) Pilgrims' Song, Op. 47, No. 5 ("Tchaikovsky")

Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) Violin Solos—

Minuetto No. 1 & 2 (Bach); The Little Windmill (Couperin)

La Plus que Lente—Waltz (Debussy) Helfetz

Songs—

Chanson Hindoue (Song of India) (Rimsky-Korsakov)

Hopak—Noldie Russo (Moussorgsky) Alexandre Keubitsky.

Light Orchestral Music

Sanctuary of the Heart (Ketelbey) The Sacred Hour (Ketelbey)

Past and Present—Overture (Suppe) Idamey—Oriental Fantasy (arr. Casella)

Les Cloches de Corneville—Selection (Planquette)

Naila Waltz (Delibes). Mors et Vita (Gounod)

The Shamrock (Selection of Irish Melodies) (arr. Myddleton)

Monastery Bells (Wolff)

Gipsy Love—Selection (Lehar) The Squirrel Dance (Smith)

The Nightingale's Morning Greeting (Recktenwald)

Great Day—Selection

2.30 p.m.—Close Down.

3.30-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Programme

6.30-7.45 p.m.—European Programme

6.30-7.45 p.m.—A Relay of the Service from St. John's Cathedral.

Preacher—The Rev. H. W. Baines.

7.45-8 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music: Heart and Flowers—Intermezzo (Tonbani)

Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke)

Indian Love Call—"Rose Marie" (Frind)

Until (Sanderson)

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.33 p.m.—A Relay of the Organ Recital by Lindsay A. Lafford, F.R.C.O. (Chm); A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M. from St. John's Cathedral.

Programme.

1. Obstinat—Fontenailles.

2. Dana—McGill.

3. Rokes in June—German.

4. 1 Million D'Accholino—Drigo.

5. March—Tosti.

6. 9.15-9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Maidens of Baden (Kozak)

Dream Waltz (Millocker)

Elne Waltzer Redoute (Hildebrandt)

9.30-10 p.m.—From the Studio.

Mrs. J. Anderson Miller (Soprano) and Lt. Col. C. H. Kuhne (Pianoforte)

Half an hour of Christmas Music

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Reuter Press Bulletins, Local Golf Results.

10.05-10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Mr. Harold Beth, above, the well-known and popular owner of racing ponies, returned to the Colony last Friday morning, accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Clara Maine, of Victoria, B.C.

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CORRESPONDENCE

CONCERNING ART

Mr. Luis Chan Again Replies

CRAFTSMANSHIP AND THE ARTIST'S MIND

(To The Editor, "Sunday Herald")

Sir,—I have carefully noted L. K. Y.'s comments on my opinion on the above subject. I am afraid L. K. Y. has misunderstood me in giving any opinion on the artistic standard of Hong Kong, and when I stated: "Unfortunately, judging from the standard of the Hong Kong Art Club Exhibition, which can fairly be said to represent the majority of the local artists, it would seem this 'little wider experience' could not easily be gained by this means", I referred to the possibility of my gaining experience from other artists' work available for the purpose, and consequently this has no reference to any artistic standard of Hong Kong.

In regard to the question of academic craftsmanship, I presume any art lover will take it as a matter of general classification, so that even amongst the academicians themselves have been such "revolutionists" as, for instance, Augustus John and Richard Sickert, whose work is in fact not "academic" at all. L. K. Y. has, however, misclassified Rembrandt's technique as "academic", but any educated person interested in Rembrandt's work, especially his drawings and sketches, will agree with me that Rembrandt is, strictly speaking, far from being "academic". Judging from the tone of L. K. Y., it would seem that I have defined good craftsmanship and the work of all old masters, especially Rembrandt and Raphael, a statement I have never made. L. K. Y. surely thinks that Rembrandt has only the quality of good craftsmanship and has none of the other pictorial qualities upon which I have already written elsewhere. The fact that his work is "unimpaired throughout centuries" will, as once prove that its value does not lie in good craftsmanship alone, otherwise the work of such academicians as Kneller, Arncliffe and others whose craftsmanship is, to a less perfect but whose work is nevertheless dead and dull on account of the lack of other equally important pictorial qualities, will also be "unimpaired throughout".

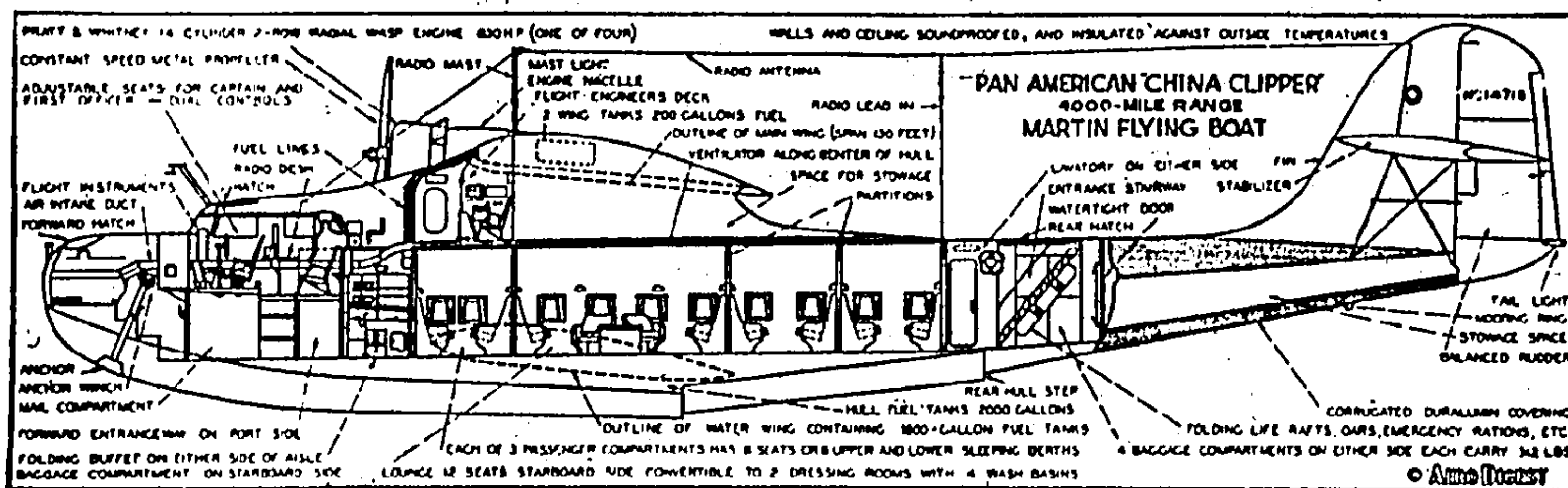
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These daring airmen had the honour of taking the China Clipper on her first air-mail flight across the Pacific from Alameda, California to Manila. Left to right: Vic Wright, Fred Noonan, Capt. E. C. Musick, O. D. Sullivan, C. D. Wright, George King, Max Webber, Thos. Rummel and J. T. Jarboe.



This diagram of the giant flying boat China Clipper was drawn by an Aero Digest artist from specifications supplied by the builders and from observations on the New York to Miami test flight. The huge plane, the largest American flying boat, can carry 18 passengers, a crew of five, and a cargo of mail and express for 3,000 miles. The longest hop on the trans-Pacific route is the 2,408-mile flight from San Francisco to Honolulu.

FILM EXPERT IN COLONY

Anxious To Help Local Buyers

CHINESE FILMS "ALL RIGHT"

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Chinese Pictures

Asked what he thought of the pictures produced in China, Mr. Barnett said that from a technical point of view, what little he has seen of them was quite all right. "Though they appear to be a little slow," he added, however, that they might, of course, be the type of film that sells in China.

Speaking of the film industry in the United States, Mr. Barnett said that the past year had been

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Colony Criticised

Sir,—Listening in to "An Australian Visitor's Impressions of Hong Kong" last Friday evening one could not but admire the frank and outspoken criticism of the Colony in general, and its residents in particular. Mr. Norman Banks did not mince matters in the course of his interesting talk, and, although he praised the beauty of our colony for its scenic grandeur, he did not forget to draw our attention to the squalor and filth which abound in certain quarters of the island.

It does not require a visitor to point out to us our shortcomings in this respect, as we as residents know only too well of the appalling conditions under which certain sections of the community have to exist. It is to be hoped that the attention of the powers that be has been drawn to Mr. Banks' frank broadcast from ZBW.

OLD TIMER

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO.

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Effects Of Exchange

"The comparatively high rates of exchange prevailing during the past financial year resulted in substantial savings in expenditure."

"This fortuitous circumstance materially contributed towards the larger profits shown, and your Directors are of opinion that shareholders should receive some benefit from the improvement in profits."

"They have, therefore, recommended a dividend at the rate of 50 cents per share (which is five cents more than the last dividend) after providing a sum for depreciation of nearly \$50,000 more than last year."

"The recent heavy drop in exchange will inevitably result in increased working costs. It is, however, to be sincerely hoped that the operation of a managed currency on a lower level will be followed by some revival in local trade, particularly in those industries which have in recent years been so hard hit by adverse exchange and other conditions."

Interesting Facts

"It occurs to me that there are certain little-known facts with regard to the operation of your Company that would be of interest to shareholders."

"The total number of your Company's employees is 700, 270 of whom comprise the European staff and Chinese clerical staff, the balance of 430 being made up of charge hands, workmen, coolies, etc. This figure does not take into account a large force of casual labourers engaged from day to day, especially when excavation work for the laying of cables is going on."

"The total salaries and wages paid amount to, a round figure of approximately \$55,000 per month."

"The total area served by this Company is roughly 154 square miles, exclusive of certain districts in the New Territories to which our lines have not yet penetrated."

"The total population served as shown by the 1931 census is well over 300,000, of whom approximately 263,000 are in Kowloon proper."

Number Of Consumers

"The total number of consumers at the end of September last was 22,542. It is worthy of note that throughout Kowloon and the New Territories there are no less than 86 different kinds of industries served by this Company. These industries range from ship-building to the manufacture of toothpicks, and from cement works to cigar factories."

"Your Board is continually trying to promote and foster the use of electricity, and, with this object in view, has introduced special rates for thermal-storage cookers and water-heaters. It is hoped

a very definite improvement. "Financial conditions are getting to be much better," he concluded, "and there seems to be a lot of money with which to make good pictures."

that such apparatus may before very long be available for hire.

"Recently, also, permission has been obtained from the Government enabling a supply of current to be given to bathing sheds, but under certain special rules and regulations which have to be complied with."

New Territories Development

"Advantage was taken of the King's Silver Jubilee celebrations to erect and maintain in certain districts in the New Territories, for one week, illuminations that were very effective and much appreciated by the elders and populace. A considerable amount of work has been and is being done in the New Territories."

"Stratford House, the residence of your District Engineer, has been completed and, during the past financial year, your Company erected two buildings on its reclamation at Tai Po Market, one of them housing a cash collection office, stores and quarters for your Company's Chinese employees, and the other a Government Branch Post Office."

"A high tension line is in course of erection which will serve, in addition to the Lok Ma Chau Police Station, the villages of San Tin, Mai Po, Ngau Tam Mi, Chuk Yuen and Pok Wai. This line will also serve as an inter-connector between the step-down sub-stations of Au Tau and Kwangli, thereby ensuring an alternative source of supply to consumers in the districts of Sheung Shui, Fanling, San Tin and Kam Tin."

New Plant

"The political situation in North China and the sudden shifting of the Chinese monetary system, which for many centuries had been based on actual weight of silver, to a managed paper currency, render it extremely difficult to gauge with any certainty events that are likely to take place in the future."

"Geographical and other conditions make it reasonable to believe that, from a financial and trade point of view, this Colony must of necessity follow its infinitely larger neighbour."

"Persistently, however, through all these times of stress and uncertainty, tentative enquiries have been received of such a nature as to induce your Board of Directors to decide on the purchase of a new turbine of approximately 12,500 K.W. and a new boiler of approximately 100,000 lbs. capacity. This new machinery will be of the latest and most approved type for economical operation and will bring the total capacity of your Power station to over 30,000 K.W."

"The character of your undertaking is such as to render attention necessary, and your Board has deemed it wise to safeguard the Company's future by the provision of sufficient plant to supply all the current it is asked for immediately it is required."

"Shareholders will be pleased to know that, after negotiations with the Government, we have acquired

CANTON POLICE SOCCER TEAM

Receive Invitation To Tour Siam

The Canton Police Football team have been invited to tour Siam some time early next year, but have not yet come to any decision. They may, however, visit Macao during the New Year holidays, and in that case they will play at least one game in Hong Kong.

the roadway which formerly separated our old site (K.M.L.93) from the newly reclaimed area known as K.M.L.100. We have now a continuous area extending from the Green Island Cement Co.'s works to the beach adjoining the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s premises. This property has a sea frontage of about a quarter of a mile and should meet our requirements for many years to come. The construction of a modern workshop and store on K.M.L. 100 has already been commenced and this, when completed, will meet a long-felt need.

New Issue

In order to pay for the new plant referred to above, your Board decided that it was wise to make financial provision by the issue at par of 200,000 new shares. This new issue enables your Company to settle in advance all the necessary finance.

"As indicated in the recent announcement in the newspapers, such new shares will be offered to shareholders to-day in the proportion of one new share to every eight existing shares held by them, respectively. Only \$2.50 will be payable by January 3, 1936; the balance of \$2.50 per share will be called up as and when required."

"The satisfactory results which we are able to put before you to-day are in no small measure due to the co-operation of the Company's staff, and I take this opportunity of placing on record our appreciation of their services."

"I now put the following Resolution to the meeting:—"That the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, that a dividend of 50 cents per share on the shares allotted prior to October 1, 1934, and proportionately on the shares allotted on and after that date be declared in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1935, and that the undivided profits (after the transfer of \$100,000 to Reserve for General Managers' Rights) be carried forward."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Frank Austin and carried unanimously.

Directors Re-elected

Proposed by Mr. H. H. Fotts and seconded by Mr. E. H. Summers, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. C. A. da Rosa were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)

FLOYD EXCELS AT FLY-HALF

CLUB FORWARDS FAR FROM IMPRESSIVE

DAVIES BADLY INJURED

A THRILLING Rugby match was witnessed on the Military ground at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon when the Army and the Club met for the first time in the Triangular Tournament, the encounter resulting in a brilliant win for the former by a goal and two tries (11 points) to two tries (6 points). The Army have now defeated both the Club and the Navy.

After a gruelling first half the Club managed to draw level with the Army, although numerous opportunities were thrown away on the Club's right-wing, where Gallagher's handling was very disappointing.

The inclusion of Floyd as stand-off-half to Hamilton in the Army side had its desired effect as he initiated most of the movements which resulted in scores. The Army unfortunately lost the services of L/Cpl. Davies midway through the second half, when the latter had to be helped off the field with a badly damaged left-wrist.

The slippery surface of the ground marred good play to a large extent and there were many occasions when a player had broken through only to slide helplessly in attempting to swerve past the full-back.

Hutchinson, who was brought into the side as centre-three-quarter in support of Gallagher, gave a grand display and thrilled a large crowd with two brilliant, but unavailing, attempts to drop goals when the Club attacks were being held up at every turn.

The Club forwards, worked like Trojans, but Chambers, who was hooking for the Club, was not securing the ball from the tight-scums as much as the opposing hooker, Hebert.

Club's Sluggish Heeling

The Club heeling was sluggish, and there were many occasions when the ball was foolishly taken back into the scrum.

Bonnar was again at the top of his form at the base of the scrum, although some of his passes were very high, which speaks volumes for Butcher's brilliant handling under not too ideal conditions.

Walkden, McElroy, Humphreys and Cumming were among the outstanding forwards on display.

Preece's Good Debut

Preece, who yesterday made his first appearance for the Army in the Triangular Tournament at full-back, gave as good a display as has been seen for some time from an Army full-back. His touch-downing was excellent, while he tackled resolutely.

The whole of the Army three-quarter line, with Rice Evans in magnificent form, played as one and consequently were always dangerous when on the move. Davies, who was subsequently injured, played a very fine game and, but for a slight hesitation on one occasion, would have culminated in a thrilling solo effort with a try, instead of which Robertson, the Club back, brought off a spectacular tackle to prevent what looked a certain score.

Hamilton was sound at the base of the scrum, and, although limping throughout the second half, played his part in the Army victory.

Hebert's Good Work

Hebert made an admirable leader of the Army pack and was in good form as hooker.

Harrison, Ap-Rhys-Pryce and Gillespie stood out above the other forwards, always being in the thick of things in the loose. An outstanding feature of the game was the very poor support the Club forwards were given in the loose, while the soldiers, on the other hand, bunched well and in such manner scored one of their tries.

First Minute Try

The Army opened in sensational style, Rice-Evans breaking through

Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,800 each, on the proposal of Mr. A. J. Walters seconded by Mr. E. J. M. de Figueiredo.

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Army	2	2	0	0	22	11	4
Club	2	1	1	0	24	20	2
Navy	2	0	2	0	14	29	0
Totals	6	3	3	0	60	60	6

Two cases of diphtheria were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended on Friday.

LA LINDA RECORDS VERY NARROW WIN

Sirius, Stella & Siskin Successful

YACHTING RESULTS

La Linda, sailed by Mr. R. B. Williams, won the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's "A" Class event yesterday when she beat Artemis (Mr. G. G. Wood) by the narrow margin of five seconds over 9.7 miles.

Sirius (Mr. W. B. Cooper) won the "G" Class event from Gael (Capt. P. Trimble), Stella (Major B. E. C. Dixon) beat Heron (Lt. E. Moore R.N.) in the "I" and "Y" Classes, and Siskin (Mr. N. R. A. Wood) secured a narrow win over Rolla (Col. Kirk).

Detailed results were as follows:

Class	Yacht	Time	Pls.	T.
"A" Class Started 14.30				
La Linda	16.27.17	5	8	8
Artemis	16.32.25	6	7	7
Gael	16.33.06	2	11	22
Stella	16.33.01	1	13	13
Jan	16.45.10	9	4	4
Isobel	16.54.20	4	9	9
Jans	17.01.25	10	3	11
Gull	16.59.32	7	6	16
True Blue	16.53.23	3	10	23
Pat	16.51.57	8	5	12
Painted Lady	D. N. F.	—	—	9
"G" Class Started 14.40				
Gael	16.54.41	2	5	5
Artemis	16.58.03	3	4	9
Eunice	17.05.30	4	3	7
Sirius	16.54.03	1	7	14
"I" and "Y" Classes Started 14.50				
Stella	17.02.12	1	10	18
Heron	17.08.25	2	8	8
Widgeon	17.04.30 1/2	3	7	17
"H" Class Started 15.00				
Diann	17.03.49	4	3	6
Colleen	17.05.00	5	2	6
Rolla	16.50.18	2	5	7
Siskin	16.50.12	1	7	8
Ariel	17.07.22 1/2	6	1	8
Dorothy	17.01.50	3	4	9

RECREIO LADIES BADMINTON

"E" Team Win First Tournament

The Club de Recreio Ladies' Badminton Tournament was successfully concluded when in the last two matches the "A" team outplayed the "C" team by 60 aces to 47, and the "B" team beat the "C" team by 63 aces to 27.

By defeating "C" team, "E" team, with a grand total of 246 aces, won the Tournament, while the runners-up were "A" team with 223 aces, and "D" team (188), "B" team (187) and "C" team (183) followed in that order.

The individual pairs, who secured the highest number of aces were Miss A. Osmund and Miss Olga Ribeiro (84 aces), Mrs. C. Sousa and Miss S. Remedios (82), Miss C. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro (82 aces), Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro (81) and Mrs. H. A. Barros and Miss A. Remedios (80).

Detailed results of the last two matches were as follows:—

"A" Beats "C"

Miss Olga Ribeiro and Miss G. Almeida ("C" team) beat Miss Aida Remedios and Miss R. Ribeiro 21-18. Miss H. W. da Rosa and Miss A. Remedios ("C" team) lost to Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. A. Xavier 12-21. Miss M. Silva and Miss K. Barreto ("C" team) lost to Miss P. Remedios and Miss S. Remedios 14-21.

"C" Defeated By "E"

Mrs. Cita Sousa and Miss S. Remedios ("E" team) beat Miss Olga Ribeiro and Miss G. Almeida 21-9. Miss A. Osmund and Miss Olga Basto ("E" team) beat Mrs. H. W. da Rosa and Miss A. Remedios 21-12. Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. Barros ("E" team) beat Miss M. Silva and Miss K. Barreto 21-6.

The presentation of silver cups to the winners will be made at the conclusion of the Badminton season next February.



Champions at the Hong Kong University Inter-Hotel Swimming Championships for three successive years, the Rieci Hall swimming team, above, have among their complement several well-known Colony swimmers, including Interceptors. Third from right in the back row is H. L. Ozorio, Hong Kong's sprint representative in the recent Interport against Shanghai, while L. Oliveira, extreme left of the front row, was a member of the Colony's Open Relay team in the same series.—(A. Fong).



Unstinted praise is due to Mr. E. G. Smith-Wright, above, who most successfully performed the arduous dual duties of producer and chief actor in the A.D.C.'s recent successful presentation of Ronald Mackenzie's "Musical Chairs." Mr. Smith-Wright gave a most sympathetic and understanding performance of the war-torn "Joseph Schindler," to provide one of the best characterizations seen on the local stage for some years.

LOCAL TEACHERS HOLD DANCE

Likely To Become Annual Event

The first dance arranged by the Evening Institute for Teachers Union, which was held in the King's Restaurant last night, proved so successful that it is likely to become an annual event.

In his speech the Chairman of the Union, Mr. Chen Fook-hong, said that the founders had been subjected to a great deal of criticism when they formed the Union, but the objections which had been raised then had been proved erroneous by the results that followed. The Union had succeeded in the aims for which it was created, namely to promote a feeling of good-fellowship and co-operation among members of the Evening Institute for Teachers. He then continued by recounting the various functions that the Union had held during the year.

Prominent among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Edwards, Mr. T. R. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. D. Crozier and Mr. Lo P'ing-fai, while the Director of Education, Mr. G. R. Sayer, and Mr. A. O. Brown, expressed regret that, owing to previous engagements, they were unable to attend.

CARNIVAL DANCE AT KING'S PARK

Club's Function

A happy crowd of people flocked to the China Light & Power Clubhouse, King's Park, last night when the Club held its Annual Carnival Dance. The majority of dancers attended in fancy dress, and a number of ingenious and original costumes were to be seen.

The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The roof was completely hidden by a profusion of coloured streamers, while in one corner stood a beautifully illuminated Christmas Tree. Mrs. Nura Kassis attended with her dance band, and played until 2 a.m.

Among those present were Miss K. Fisher, Miss Murray, Miss Tonge, Miss Stanley, Mrs. Hosford, Miss Everett, Miss D. Moss, Mr. H. Samuels, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. Concock, Mr. Little, Mr. O. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoker, Mr. G. Moss, Miss A. Lalliovetaky, Mr. and Mrs.

MORE CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS

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after Britain has condemned the proposals, which have been due to French initiative and which were thoroughly examined by the Fascist Grand Council in its session of December 18.

The Council also adopted a resolution stating that the "Italian people, in view of the evident disorientation and divergences in the attitude of the sanctions countries, remains unshaken and unanimous in defence of its own rights, by giving powerful proof of its will to resistance and victory through the gift of gold," and that "the action of Fascist Italy will be continued within its inflexible determination, till the aims set by the Duce have been attained."—Trans-Ocean Service.

France Placed In Dilemma

WILL NOW SUPPORT MILITARY SANCTIONS?

Paris: Since his return from Geneva M. Laval's energies have been chiefly absorbed in efforts to readjust the internal political situation created by Mr. Herriot's resignation from the chairmanship of the Radical-Socialist Party. Hitherto, however, the position has continued to be obscure, except for the cardinal fact that most of those concerned do not want to see the Government overthrown through the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

Concerning M. Laval's conversations yesterday afternoon with Signor Cerruti, the usually well-informed L'Ouvre stated today that the Premier voiced the bitter disappointment of France at Signor Mussolini's attitude towards the proposals. L'Ouvre then reports that he had a talk later with the Minister of War, M. Fabry, which was the first reaction to the circular enquiry by the British Government among the European members of the League as to what they intended to do should Italy resist any decision by the League of Nations to widen the scope of the sanctions.

STAND BY BRITAIN
Hitherto, says the paper, the French Government has refused to be a party to military sanctions. In diplomatic circles today it was said that France is now prepared to support any step taken by England, providing it is based on a decision of the League of Nations. The latest news from London is that the British Government wishes an extraordinary session of the League to be called in the middle of January, when the final decisions as to the Abyssinian conflict are to be taken.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FIERCE BATTLE WEST OF AKSUM

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A BELATED ACCOUNT?
London, later: The fact that the fighting mentioned in the Abyssinian reports earlier occurred on December 15 and also that the engagement is not mentioned in today's Rome communiqué leads to the conclusion that it is a belated account of the Abyssinian success mentioned yesterday and Wednesday last.—Reuter.

W. J. Brown, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Joffe and Mr. and Mrs. Crofton.

The Rainy Days Are Here Again!

FIRST BREAK SINCE DECEMBER 9

RAINFALL FOR YEAR WELL IN ARREARS

WEEK-END SPORT AFFECTED

Seeing that, until Friday, we had had no rain in the Colony since December 9, and the weather had been in the main all that the heart of man or woman — more particularly woman, who has hats and frocks to consider — could desire, one ought not to grumble at a little bit of wet. Then, too, the records tell us that on the rainfall for the year we are still more than 13 inches behind the average and water restrictions are consequently in force.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Former Tutor To Emperor Pu-Yi

SIR REGINALD JOHNSTON

A distinguished visitor to the Colony, who arrived here last Friday morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan, was Sir Reginald Johnston, K.C.M.G., C.M.G., C.B.E., who is regarded as one of the world's greatest authorities on the Chinese language and culture.

Sir Reginald, who is residing at the Peninsula Hotel during his short stay in the Colony, is probably best known to students of oriental affairs for his long association with the ex-Emperor of China, and present Emperor of Manchukuo, to whom he acted as tutor from 1919 until 1925.

When interviewed in his room in the Peninsula Hotel on Friday morning, Sir Reginald stated in opening the conversation that he had no wish to discuss political affairs.



Sir Reginald Johnston

He had never been interested in politics, either in China or elsewhere, and he had not been in China for such a long time (his last visit was made in 1931) that he knew no more of political issues than he read in the newspapers. He had been on a visit to his former pupil, and was taking the opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

Journalistic Error
Sir Reginald deprecated the continual use, in newspapers and periodicals, of the name Henry Pu Yi, when a reference was made to the young Emperor. The Emperor's name was Pu Yi simply, and he could not understand how the European name had been added.

Another thing which Sir Reginald could not understand was the calling of Manchuria Manchukuo. "Kuo," he said, stood simply for "country," and it was as silly to say England country or Japan country as it was to say Manchukuo. He invariably said Manchuria, which was nothing more or less than the English translation of Manchu; the country of the Manchus.

Sir Reginald has many interesting reminiscences of Hong Kong as it was in 1898, when he was attached to the Hong Kong Civil Service. Before leaving the Colony he rose to be Assistant Colonial Secretary, a position he held for five years.

Matched B'own Away
He recalls one occasion when he was stationed in the New Territories his office and house consisted solely of a decrepit matchbox, which eventually suffered the fate of all similar dwellings, being blown away in its entirety in a typhoon. When this occurred Sir Reginald and his staff had to take

The rainfall of the last couple of days has been a mere drop in the bucket, so to speak — well under an inch in all — but it has been mixed with objectionably cold winds, the combination being enough to depress anybody but a Highlander. However, last evening's forecast was more promising.

Games Abandoned

After an uninterrupted sequence of fine Saturdays extending over a period of many weeks, the rain that fell on Friday and the earlier part of yesterday brought in its wake disappointment for a large number of people in that it was responsible for the postponement of all the League cricket matches, the Marnock hockey games and the semi-finals and finals of the Ladies' Seven-A-Side Hockey tournaments.

Only one hockey match was played and it was only the keenness on the part of both teams that was responsible for the Heereio playing their friendly cricket fixture with the China Light and Power Recreation Club.

As regards the Triangular Tournament Rugby match between the Club and the Army and the League football games, the rain had the effect of rendering the grounds extremely slippery, with the result that the "muddled on" (pace Kipling) came in for more thrills and spills than they had bargained for.

All About It

The Royal Observatory announces that the anticyclone continues to increase in intensity and covers the whole of China and the neighbouring seas.

The typhoon is situated about midway between Yap and the Loo-Choo Islands, moving WNW, so that it is not likely to visit the Colony.

The forecast issued at 5 p.m. yesterday was: northerly and north-easterly winds, fresh to strong.

TWO GOLF FINALS THIS MORNING

Two golf finals will take place this morning when O. E. C. Martin will meet D. J. Gilmore for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club title at Fanling over 36 holes, and when A. W. da Rosa, holder of the Kowloon Golf Club championship, will defend his title against D. C. Wilson, last year's runner-up.

C.S.C.C. WHIST DRIVE

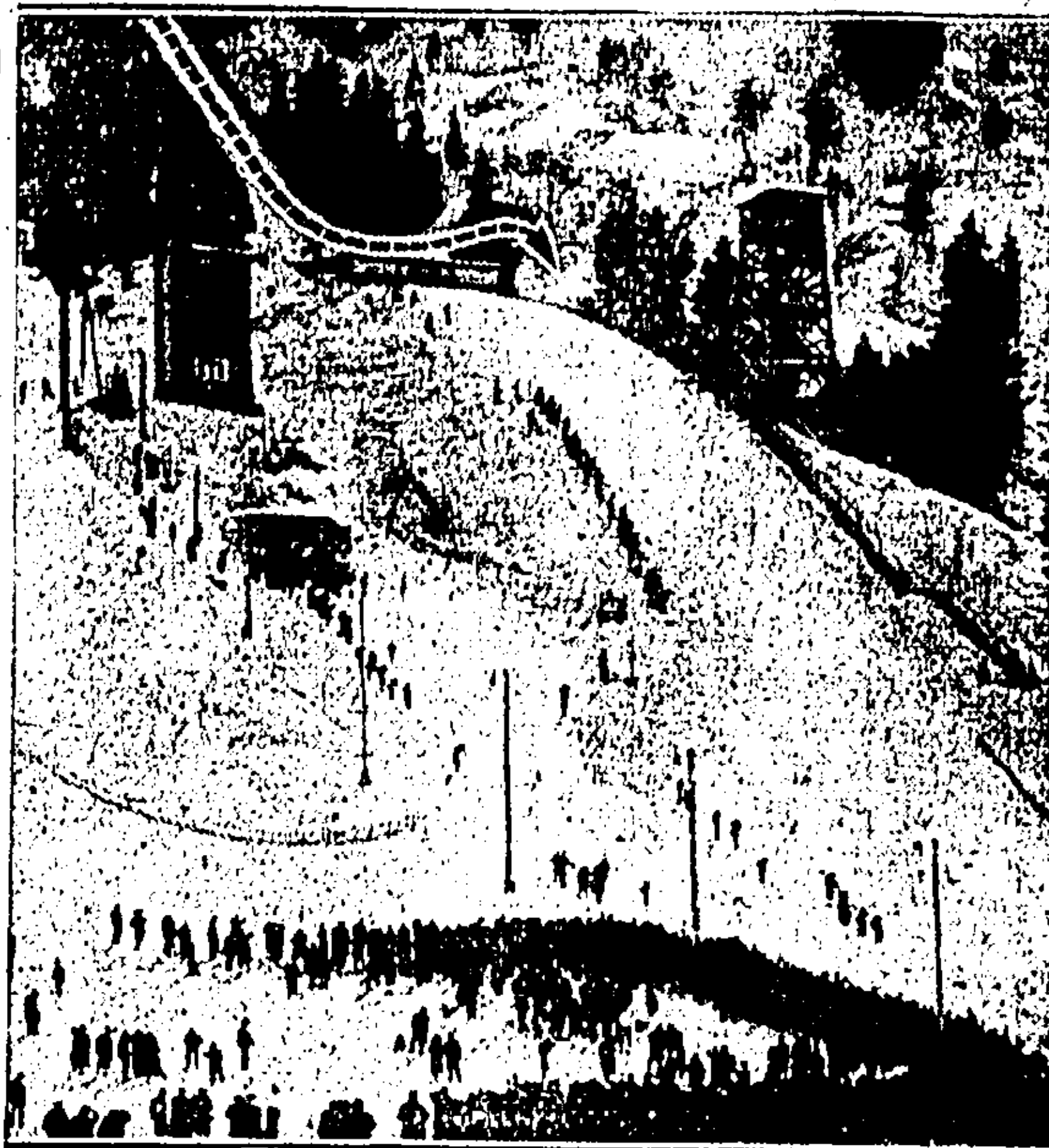
The Whist Drive and Tombola held at the Civil Service Cricket Club last night was very well attended. The prizes for ladies were won by Mesdames Hall, Benda and Brewin, while Messrs. Collins, Marling and Catt won the gentlemen's prizes. The special prizes were won by Mrs. Rendall and Mr. Hall.

up residence in the old Government launch Stanley, until such time as a new office was constructed.

Sir Reginald is a personal friend of the present Colonial Secretary, Sir Thomas Southern, as they were colleagues in the old days.

On leaving the Colony Sir Reginald became Commissioner at Wel-hai-wai and occupied that position when the port was handed over to China in October, 1930.

Sir Reginald is now Professor of Chinese at the University of London, and is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday. On leaving Hong Kong, he will visit French Indo-China, Malaya, Java and then proceed home via Suez.



Winter has dressed up the ski stadium built at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, for the Olympic ice sports, the international contents which will begin the most controversial Olympic in modern times. At the left is the "little jump," at the right the "big jump."

MATCH PRODUCES FOUR PENALTIES

(Continued from Page 1)

Behind them were three tireless halves, Lam Tak-po in particular being here, there any everywhere in the quick manner in which he followed up the play.

The defence was very strong, with Leung In-chan prominent with powerful first-time clearances, while Pau Ka-ping did everything with his usual effortless ability.

"Sitter" Missed

In the first minute of play, Yeung Shui-yick caused a sensation by missing an open goal, lifting the ball high over the bar from less than a yard out, and with Read on the ground!

But 5 minutes later the Lincolns unluckily found themselves a goal in arrears when Dreming, in a desperate effort to prevent the ball from entering the net, took it over the line in his attempt to clear, following shots by Ng Po-kui and Cheuk Shek-kam.

The Lincolns attacked hard on the left, and a high centre by Baldry was punched out by Pau Ka-ping, but the swiftness of the Lincolns' attack had left the halves well down the field, and a fine chance was missed.

After 17 minutes South China went further ahead, against the run of play, Lai Shui-wing heading in a centre from Yeung Shui-yick, following a sudden breakaway, though it appeared that Read had ample time to run out and intercept the pass before the ball reached Lai Shui-wing.

First Penalty

Playing with increased confidence, South China carried play into the Lincolns' area, and in the next minute were three up when Yeung Shui-yick converted a penalty for a foul by Dreming against Ng Po-kui.

Continuing the "thrill-a-minute" football, the very next 60 seconds produced a second penalty, this time for the Lincolns, Ridley being fouled by Yau Wah-hing in the area. Baldry converted.

A corner taken by Clayton beat Pau. Ridley headed into what appeared to be an empty goal, but Lee Kam sprang from nowhere and cleared just off the line! Shortly before the interval, Lee Shek-yau delighted with two cleverly worked-out moves, in which his ball control carried him right into the Lincolns' penalty area. His first shot curled out of Read's reach but struck the upright, while his second effort was well saved by the Lincolns' custodian.

Resolute Defence

On the resumption the Lincolns went all out in an effort to reduce their deficit, but could not pierce the resolute defence put up by Lam Tak-po, Leung In-chan and Lee Kam, and it was South China who scored again.

Lee Shek-yau secured by the corner-flag, and fired in a terrific shot which entered the net in the far top corner, beating Read all ends up. It was a remarkable shot which few "keepers" would

LEGISLATION IN JERUSALEM

Elections For New Council

WOMEN ENFRANCHISED

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL

The inauguration of the new Legislative Council, to be elected for a period of five years, will take place to-morrow, when an official notice will appear in all the Jerusalem papers, together with an explanation of the complete plan. The new Council will not have the right to exercise direct legislative power but merely consultative functions, and the right to submit proposals. The executive power will therefore reside exclusively with the High Commissioner.

The plan envisages women's suffrage, which for the Orient is a sensational innovation. In all probability the effect of the enfranchisement of women will be to strengthen the Jewish influence in the election of the Council, since in all probability the Mohammedans will forbid their women to record their votes.

The proposal is that the Council should consist of 28 members, of whom 14 are to be Arabs, eight Jews, five of British nationality, and one a representative of the European colonists.—Trans-Ocean Service

R.E.O.C.A. HOLD CARNIVAL DANCE

The Phoenix Ballroom of the Hotel Cecil was gaily decorated last night when the Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association held a very successful Christmas Carnival Dance. The popular band of the Lincolnshire Regiment, which has been one of the greatest attractions at these popular functions, made its final appearance last night.

have saved.

During a skirmish in the Chinese goalmouth, Lee Kam committed a foul against a Lincolns' forward, and the "spot" kick was converted by Edminson. Continuing to exert pressure Ridley saw his header go narrowly over the bar, and during this period the Chinese seemed to concentrate on defensive tactics.

Surprise Breakaway

But a surprise breakaway gave them a fifth goal. Read saved Yeung Shui-yick's shot, but failed to hold the ball, and Ng Po-kui came up at the right moment to shoot into an open goal.

Almost on time Pau dived and saved a fine header by Malpas, and then Yau Wah-hing handled in the area for Baldry to score the Lincolns' third goal from the penalty mark in the last few seconds left for play.

8. China "B"—Pau Ka-ping; Leung In-chan; Lee Yau Wah-hing; Lim Tak-po; H. Young; Yeung Shui-yick; Cheuk Shek-kam; Ng Po-kui; Lai Shui-wing and Lee Shek-yau.
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Lord Moynehan, the distinguished British surgeon, is president of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society formed in Britain to push the fight for the legalisation of "mercy executions" of incurables.

TROOPER'S SUICIDE

A comrade of Trooper John Townley, aged 23, of the Queen's Bays, who shot himself, said at the Aldershot inquest that Townley told him he had quarrelled with his sweetheart at a dance. The verdict was suicide while of unsound mind.

GENESIS OF THE FORD

ROMANCE IN AN
OLD ALLEY

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF
HUGE ADMINISTRATION

On a large theatre building in downtown Detroit a bronze tablet tells the passer-by that a little more than 40 years ago an important event occurred on that site. It was then 68 Bagley Avenue; a young engineer with his wife and child lived there. An ordinary two-story double brick house, it possessed on the alley at the rear a small brick building in which the two tenants stored their coal and washtubs and other household gear. An experiment begun in the kitchen of No. 68 and completed in the little alley structure accounts for the bronze tablet which marks the site to-day.

The experiment may be simply described. A small plank was clamped to the kitchen sink. Fastened to the plank for firmness was a little engine made of a piece of gas-pipe, a simple piston, a small fly-wheel turned by hand, two ordinary brass check valves, a pair of gears that ran two to one, and an oil cup. The electric cord from the light socket above the sink was split to create an electric circuit, one strand of wire being the spark, the other grounded on the water tap.

While the young engineer manipulated the fly-wheel and critically watched results, his young wife poured the gasoline drop by drop from a little oil cup through a funnel into the intake check valve. Then came the instant put-put-put of tiny explosions which have since echoed round the world. The thing was done.

The young engineer had learned what he wanted to know. The principle of the gas engine was sound; he had proved it for himself; he was ready to go ahead. He would develop an engine—a two-cylinder engine—and make it move a horseless buggy.

Neighbour's Offer

It was then the little alley building caught his eye. He would use it as a shop. One day his neighbour said, "Here, Ford, you need more room. I'll put my coal in the cellar and you can use the whole place." And so in odd hours and at all hours the work went on, with the difficulties and disappointments and revisions which dog the development of any mechanical idea. The car was completed. Small as it was, it was larger than the door of the little building; bricks were knocked away to let the car come through.

First Run

At 2 o'clock one showery morning in the month of May, a little



HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. — No. 186.

WEDNESDAY will be Christmas day and our minds are filled with the thoughts of all that that day stands for, the birth of Christ, goodwill and peace on earth, the joy of small children in anticipation of presents and parties, friendliness, jollity and neighbourliness. Another year nearly gone, a few more grey hairs, a larger bald patch and legs less inclined to carry us quickly up and down the mountain-sides; yet all of us are young enough in spirit at Christmas to become children in mind and to join in the children's games and pleasures. Christmas festivity involves things other than the giving and receiving of expensive presents, the eating of rich food that is bad for our health, the drinking of wine that maketh glad the heart of man but leaveth him with a thick head in the morning; it involves the decorating of at least one room or one bed-space with a berried twig or spray of autumn-tinted foliage and the concealment in some half-lit corner of a twig of mistletoe—a trap for the unwary maiden.

The pleasures of Christmas decorating and decorations are always heightened when some at least of the berries and coloured leaves have been gathered by ourselves; and here I plead for the indulgence of the B. and F. Department, the police and the magistrates, that they be not too severe on the rich man or the poor cooie who may be seen to gather twigs from Crown land at this season of goodwill amongst men. Let us remember good king Wenceslas.

Winter Berries
Holly and mistletoe, no, but good substitutes may be found in the garden and on the hillside. Berries and fruits of all colours abound, black, purple and violet, deep crimson and rosy red, orange, pale yellow and white—all may here be gathered; but collect with discretion! Remember the other man and the laws protecting the local vegetation.

The best red-berried plant is a small shrub called *Ardisia ciliata*, which bears at the ends of short branches near the apex of the stem bunches of deep red berries. The English holly is *Ilex acutifolium*. Although this species does not occur in Hong Kong, nine other species of *Ilex* are wild on the hillside. They do not look in the least like holly—for that matter our twenty-one local oaks do not resemble closely our two English oaks—but are profusely covered along the stems with small red or black berries and therefore are useful for decoration. Purple, violet and white berries are provided by different species of *Callicarpa*, recognised by their woolly or hairy leaves, and by the fleshy berries of *Dianella nemorosa*, a herbaceous plant with leaves that look somewhat like those of an Iris. Orange and yellow are provided by the berries of the wild kumquat, *Atalantia indica*, those of the two wild *Stychnine* plants, *Stychnine angustiflora* and *S. paniculata*, and by those of the different species of *Meiodinus*, which bear large spherical or ellipsoidal fruits.

The most attractively coloured foliage is provided by the two species of *Sapium* (tallow-trees), the different species of *Rhus* (sumacs) and by the Far Eastern Plane tree *Liquidambar formosana*, which grows so plentifully in the Tai Po district.

"ROBIN HOODS" IN KWANGSI

Ardently Sought By
Authorities

BELIEVED BY PEASANTRY TO
HAVE CHARMED LIVES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Kwangsi Province.
Three old, notorious Chinese robber chieftains are the principal characters in an interesting game of hide-and-seek which is being enacted in the South-western and Western parts of Kwangsi Province.

These three brigands are living lives very much the same as Robin Hood of old, and although they have been outlawed and a price has been put on their heads, yet they seem to have the happy faculty of evading all the efforts of the authorities to capture them, either dead or alive.

Not Novices

These "men of the woods" are not novices, but have been following the lives of adventurers for a number of years, and have slipped out of so many traps laid for them by the military that the simple country folk of the country-side believe that they have charmed lives and some supernatural power which assists them. In slipping through the fingers of the law.

The whole country is upset as a result of the many robberies perpetrated by the three robbers and their followers, and special efforts have been put forth to bring about their capture.

Exploiting Situation

Not unlike Robin Hood, they are championing the cause of the people who are groaning under the heavy taxes which are being imposed upon them by the local Government. Because of their endeavours to agitate the people against the existing unjust regime, they have incurred the displeasure of the local officials, who will not leave a stone unturned until they have captured and executed the three robber chieftains.

MOST-TRAVELLED WOMAN

Another Journey At
Age Of 90!

Lima.

Senora Francisca Duarulo claims to be the world's most-travelled woman.

She is 90 years old, speaks six languages, and has been travelling since she was 16, when she made her first journey from Barcelona to Peru. She has been round the world six times, and has just left here for a cruise of the South American ports, though she had to be carried on the liner in a bathchair.

STRANDED SHIP SOLD

The Finnish steamer Esbo (4,000 tons) ashore at Bootle, Cumberland, has been bought by Robert Frazer and Sons, of Workington, who may attempt to refloat her.

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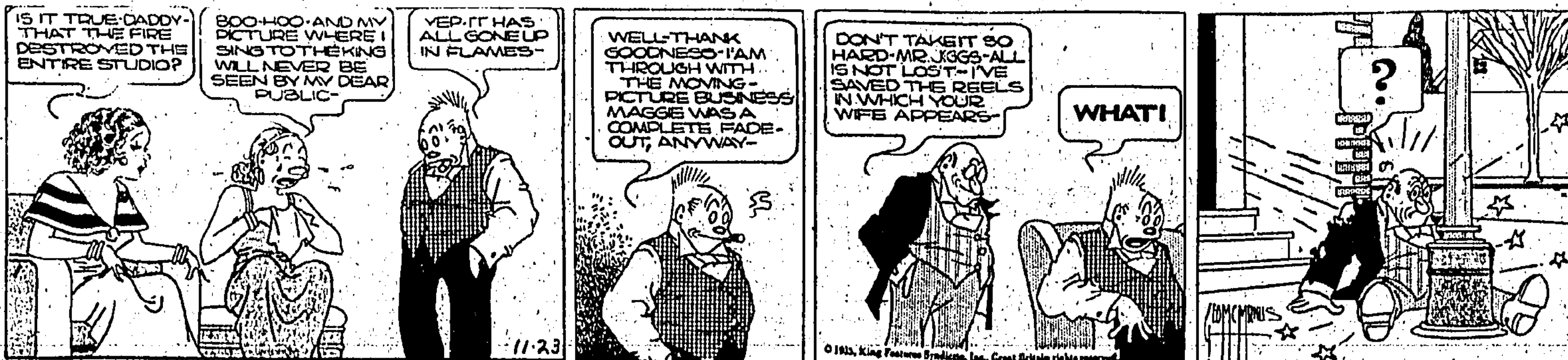
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JUST OUT OF HOLLYWOOD PRANKS WHICH FILM STARS PLAY

AMUSING ADVENTURES IN FILM CITY

AN ENGLISHMAN TELLS THE TALE

MR. R. J. Minney wrote "Clive of India" and was summoned to Hollywood to assist in adapting the play to the screen. If "Clive of India" had happened to be the worst film ever produced — which it definitely was not — I should still be glad that this discerning Englishman visited Hollywood. For he has written a book about his experiences in Hollywood which to my mind is the most amusing and at the same time penetrative tale of this strange modern city of film, fantasy and fear. For while Mr. Minney laughs kindly at Hollywood and himself, he can spare time to appreciate Hollywood and sympathize with the thousands of girls whose good looks and fine figures earn them precarious odd jobs as "extras."

He calls his book "Hollywood by Starlight." It is published by Chapman and Hall, and I can recommend it in no better way than by telling you some of the things he says, so that you are know what rich stuff you are buying.

Firstly, his 3,400 miles flight from New York to Los Angeles in a gale:

"Hell, You're Nuts!"

"I asked for my bill, but there was no charge. There never is any charge for meals in a plane. If you can, you have a right to eat. When I heard this I felt a great deal hungrier. Cigarettes were also passed round without charge. In English planes smoking is forbidden, but the Americans argue, with some sanity, that smoking in a motor-car does not set it on fire."

"The stewards tripped along and sat on the arm of my chair. She pointed to the window and the flavour of spearmint tried to say many things that the plane would not permit me to hear. At length she rose in despair and with her open palm flicked an imaginary fly right under my nose. It was a gesture that I have since come to recognise as the sign manual of America—meaning, very simply, 'Hell! You're nuts!'"

"So she tilted my chair back again."

Crowning Horror

Mr. Minney thinks that the crowning horror of Hollywood is that of which they are so proud—the Chinese theatre. It was built by a showman called Sid Grauman, and is a rapturous blend of temple and brothel. It is set in a cemetery where, on the tombstones—they look like tombstones—you may see the foot and hand prints of the stars.

"The effect is frightening. From every stone weird hands with outspread fingers play boggy with you. I tiptoed respectfully past them, my hat raised in deference. On Tom Mix's slab I saw: 'A thousand good lucks to my pal and friend.' Underneath his horse Tony had been graciously permitted to pass his hoof-prints on to posterity."

"On Pola Negri's slab are the words: 'Dear Sir, I love your theatre.' Jackie Cooper is there; so are Min and Bill (poor Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery); Diana Wynyard and Gloria Swanson, with the smallest feet in Christendom. But the most famous star of all, Charlie Chaplin, is blest with too keen a sense of humour to cut a caper upon these gravestones."

"Excited visitors cooed about the Sunday afternoon I went there, with cameras to register a permanent memory of their thrill."

Amusing Stories

There are some amusing stories which take place among the heads of the innumerable conferences of departments.

"At a conference in a Hollywood studio the problem of casting was baffling everyone. They had all read the play. An actor had to be found for the leading part. At last somebody said: 'The part was made for De Wolf Hopper.' Somebody else agreed:

through the window. Then the thrilling, breathless words, 'Sunny California! Palm trees! Bathing beauties? No. Just rain, rain, rain.'"

At another party Mr. Minney was chatting with Herbert Marshall when a lovely young thing came in, wearing a fur coat. She threw it off and stood before them in her pyjamas.

"It was Loretta Young. When she heard my name she exclaimed and pointed at me with a slender and beautiful arm. She said nothing, then announced: 'Why, today I've been making tests for your picture.'"

"That was the first I had heard that she was going to play the part of Margaret in 'Clive of India.'"

"I think," she said, "an English girl ought really to play it. And I'd gladly stand down for her."

Zanuck (the producer) next morning explained they had tried to get an English girl for the part, but none was available either in Hollywood or England at that moment.

"I was fascinated by Loretta. She has a soft, purring voice, with scarcely a hint in it of accent. At least it seemed so against that heavy American background. Her eyes are large and much lovelier than on the screen," goes on Mr. Minney.

"Gloria Swanson came in. She is minute. She sat down and looked even smaller. Sydney Howard and his wife commended me."

Cup of Tea

"The butler brought a round of cocktails."

"Sydney said: 'I'd rather have a nice cup of tea'—in that charming Yorkshire drawl he has."

"His wife said: 'You won't get it.'"

"Wot, not in a nice English house?" Sydney brushed her doubts aside.

"The butler said he'd try. 'When the man reappeared he actually had a tea cup in his hand. There was something in it. It looked like tea.'"

"Sydney smacked his lips. 'At that precise moment Jean Harlow entered. She saw the butler, said 'Thank you,' and took the tea from him."

"With it she came straight up to me. 'What she said I do not know. My thoughts were entirely with Sydney, who, with palms pressed together, was withering in agony, as he said plaintively to his wife: 'She's got me cup a tea. Look, it's ma cup a tea.'"

A.S.H.

FOUR BULLS ESCAPE FROM SIDING

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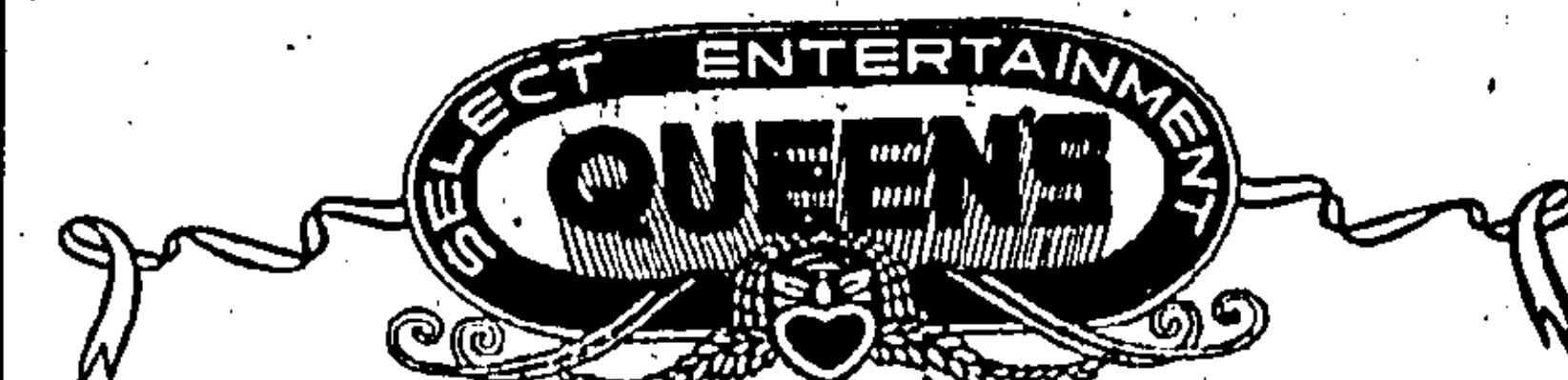
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CELTIC BEAT ABERDEEN IN NEEDLE GAME

MCAVOY'S CLAIM TO WORLD TITLE KNOCKS OUT CHAMPION IN FIRST ROUND RISKO FLOORED SIX TIMES

New York, Yesterday.
JOCK McAvoy, the British middleweight boxing champion, bewildered the critics last night when he knocked out Eddie Risko, the world middleweight champion, in the first round of their scheduled 10-round non-title bout, after flooring him six times!

MR. N. CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS PLAINLY

Policy Of Sanctions Must Go On

LEAGUE MUST BE BACKED AT ALL COSTS

London, Yesterday.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a speech at Birmingham last night, said that the confidence of the Government's supporters was unshaken by recent events because they recognised that "if we have made an error of judgment, we have in no way changed our policy, nor have we intentionally departed in any way from the undertakings we gave at the general election."

After describing the circumstances of the Paris conversations the Chancellor declared: "Now those proposals are dead. They are dead and they have already been buried at Geneva. They will not be revived and for the present I suppose all attempts at a peaceful settlement must be considered at an end. We must therefore go back to the policy of sanctions and in due course, I trust, the nations of the League will show, as I believe they will show, that they are prepared to make themselves ready to resist any attack that may be made on any one of their members."

BRITAIN'S DEFENCES
Mr. Chamberlain pointed out the lesson of events in relation to the argument he had used during the election, that if Britain was to play its part in making the League a really effective instrument for keeping the peace it must be put in a position to fulfil its obligations and meet any risk arising out of them and added: "It will be the duty of this Government in these coming years to restore our defence forces to the level at which we can feel that not only have we secured the safety of this country and those great trade routes between us and other members of the British Empire upon which our existence depends, but that we are also in a position to back up the collective action of the League."—British Wireless Service.

AMNESTY BILL PASSED

New Measure Enforced In Poland

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL

Warsaw, Yesterday.
The amnesty bill, under which criminal as well as political offenders will benefit, was passed by the Polish Sejm yesterday in a somewhat modified form. The most important amendment provides that all death sentences imposed

McAvoy floored Risko for a count of one with the first punch of the fight and then proceeded to rock the American with lefts and rights, forcing him to hold on and attempt to clinch at the least provocation. A hard right hook and a left and right to the jaw dropped Risko for a count of seven, and when he rose McAvoy chased him round the ring, staggering him with rights to the head, before sending him to the canvas for a count of five.

NO QUARTER GIVEN
Risko was now in a helpless condition, his face being one mass of blood, but McAvoy showed no mercy and dropped him for counts of five and eight. Finally, from a right hook this time, Risko went down and was unable to get up from a sitting position in the middle of the ring. He was conscious, but unable to move, despite the urge of a yelling crowd, McAvoy's terrific barrage of lefts and rights to the head having made him utterly groggy.

VIRTUAL CHAMPION
Following the fight, McAvoy is generally regarded in America as the virtual world middleweight champion, while he is also a leading contender for the world cruiserweight title, for which he hopes to meet John Henry Lewis in the near future.—Reuter.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN FRANCE

Some Relaxation In Tension

MAJORITY PARTIES STATE THEIR ATTITUDE

"SUNDAY HERALD" SPECIAL

Paris, Yesterday.
A certain relaxation in the political tension was observable in the lobbies of the Chamber yesterday evening, in consequence of the attitude of the groups forming the majority, which have given it unambiguously to be understood that in the event of a Ministerial crisis they will refuse to take part in a new "Cabinet of National Concentration."

In this case the onus of constituting a new Government will be placed on the minority in the Chamber.

Political circles also believe that a large number of Left-wing Deputies wish to keep clear of all suspicion of having been influenced in their conduct by public opinion in foreign countries.—Trans-Ocean Service.

for political crimes will be commuted into imprisonment for life. A motion to include political emigrants in the amnesty was defeated. The new law will be published shortly.

All criminals serving a maximum term of six months as well as political prisoners serving a maximum of 18 months will be pardoned, and are expected to be released next Monday in time for the Christmas holidays. All other prisoners will have their sentences halved.—Trans-Ocean Service.



An Italian army chaplain blessing a tank corps lined up before their successful assault on Makale.

ALL BLACKS DEFEATED WALES RALLY IN SECOND HALF TO WIN 13-12

Cardiff, Yesterday.
Beaten by Swansea on September 28, the New Zealand "All Blacks" suffered the second defeat of their tour when they lost to Wales by 13 points to 12 to-day, after leading by an unconverted try at the interval.

A crowd of 50,000 was present under ideal conditions when the teams took the field as previously announced.

Very early in the game Gilbert only failed by inches with a long, low kick, when Wales were penalised, and shortly afterwards Oliver and Hart took part in a glorious movement, which culminated in the latter being forced into touch right on the line by Jenkins as the result of a very fine flying tackle.

WELSH APPEAL FOR TRY

Wales were almost over when Prosser fell on the ball on the line. The Welshmen threw up their hands, indicating a try, but the referee thought otherwise. Tanner then got within a yard of the line, but was grasped by Griffiths, who was doing great work in the defence, and who later made a fine opening for Ball to go over near the touch-line after 35 minutes.

Gilbert failed with the kick, and half-time arrived with the "All Blacks" leading by 3 points to nil.

CLIFF-JONES' FINE TRY

In the first scrummage after the interval the Welsh forwards heeled the ball and Cliff-Jones picked up and deceived five "All Blacks" before he punted ahead to race Gilbert to the line, touching down between the posts for a wonderful try. Jenkins converted the effort to give Wales the lead by 5 points to 3.

Five minutes later Wooller showed a great burst of speed, and when overtaken by Gilbert passed to Rees-Jones, who, following up, scored an easy try for Jenkins to again convert. Wales almost scored again when Rees-Jones was pulled down on the line.

AMAZING DROPPED GOAL

The "All Blacks" were not downhearted, and Gilbert dropped an amazing goal when in his own half and almost on the touch-line.

Shortly afterwards, however, he should have enabled the New Zealanders to draw level, but missed a penalty kick from a fairly easy position.

Ten minutes from the finish

Rees-Jones failed to gather a punt ahead, and Ball quickly followed up and went over between the posts for Gilbert to convert.

Nothing daunted, Wales scored once again when Wooller started a movement which culminated in Rees-Jones going over in the near corner. Jenkins, however, failed with the kick. The final whistle brought an exciting match to a conclusion with Wales winning by 13 points to 12.—Reuter.

The teams were:—

All Blacks: G. G. Hart; G. F. Hart; N. Mitchell; N. Ball and G. J. Oliver; J. L. Griffiths and B. S. Sadler; A. Lambourn, W. E. Hadley, D. Dalton, H. F. McLean, S. T. Reid, R. R. King, J. E. Manchester and A. Mahoney.

Wales: V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh); G. R. Rees-Jones (Swansea University); J. Idwal-Rees (Swansea); W. Wooller (Cambridge University); and Claude Davey (Swansea); Cliff Jones (Cambridge University); H. Tanner (Swansea); D. J. Tarr (Swansea); T. Rees (Newport); H. Payne (Swansea); E. Watkins (Cardiff); T. Williams (Crosskeys); Glyn Prosser (Neath); J. Lang (Llanelli) and A. M. Rees (London Welsh).

Tanner, Claude Davey, Tarr and Payne helped Swansea to beat the All Blacks on September 28, when the tourists lost by 11 points to 3, thus sustaining their only defeat of the tour to date.

TABLE TO DATE

	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
New Zealand	3 2 1 0 47 30 4
Wales	1 1 0 0 13 12 2
Scotland	1 0 1 0 8 18 0
Ireland	1 0 1 0 9 17 0
Totals	6 3 3 0 77 77 6

Remaining Matches

The following are the remaining International Rugby Union matches this season:

January 4: England v New Zealand at Twickenham.

January 18: Wales v England at Swansea.

February 1: Scotland v Wales at Edinburgh.

February 8: Ireland v England at Dublin.

February 22: Scotland v Ireland at Edinburgh.

March 14: Wales v Ireland at Cardiff.

March 21: England v Scotland (Calcutta Cup) at Twickenham.

In the English Trial England beat the Rest by 26 points to 12.—Reuter.

CHELSEA DRAW SPURS BOW TO DONCASTER

Walsall Drop Home Points

ELEVEN GAMES POSTPONED OWING TO FOG

London, Yesterday.
The defeat of Aberdeen in Glasgow provided the main surprise in to-day's soccer programme, which was considerably curtailed owing to fog.

Detailed results, as cabled by Reuter, were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	Bolton	2
Birmingham	4 Everton	1
Blackburn	5 Aston Villa	1
Chelsea	2 Wolves	2
Grimsby	1 Portsmouth	2
Leeds	0 Preston	1
Liverpool	1 Wednesday	0
*M'ster C.	Huddersfield	1
Stoke	1 Middlesboro	1
Sunderland	3 Derby	1
West Brom.	1 Brentford	0

SECOND DIVISION

*Blackpool	Newcastle	0
Bradford	3 Charlton	0
*Bury	Manchester U.	1
Doncaster	2 Tot'nham	1
Leicester	2 Burnley	0
Norwich	0 Plymouth	0
Notts. F.	1 Bradford C.	0
S'gh'd U.	7 Hull	0
Southampton	0 Barnsley	1
Swansea	0 Fulham	2
West Ham	4 Port Vale	0

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot	0 Gillingham	2
Brighton	1 Clapton	2
Bristol C.	1 Crystal P.	1
(abandoned 10 minutes from time).		
*Coventry	Luton	1
Exeter	3 Bristol R.	1
Millwall	0 Reading	1
*Newport	Notts. C.	1
Q's P. R.	2 Southend	1
Swindon	2 B'mouth	3
*Torquay	Cardiff	1
Watford	4 Northampton	0

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Carlisle	2 C'terfield	0
D'lington	4 Rochdale	0
G'head	0 York	0
Hallifax	2 Lincoln	1
H'pools	1 Stockport	1
M'nsfield	1 Crewe	1
*Oldham	Chester	1
R'ham	1 Accrington	2
T'mere	1 Barrow	0
Walsall	1 New Brighton	2
Wrexham	4 Southport	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

*Airdrie	Clyde	0
Arbroath	0 Rangers	0
Avr	1 Queen's Pk.	0
Celtic	5 Aberdeen	3
Dundee	3 Hamilton	0
D'f'line	5 Albion	5
Hibernian	3 Queen O'S	0
*Motherwell	Kilmarnock	0
*Partick	Hearts	0
T. Lanark	3 St. Johnstone	0

* Postponed owing to fog.
—Reuter.
(No correction had been received up to 5.30 a.m.—Ed.)

SILVER FOR AMERICA

(Continued from Page 1)

The market is always alive to rumours and considers it possible that a revision of the monetary policy may have been discussed, but nothing has transpired to support the theory.—Reuter.

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